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July's report on Imperial's sales tax proceeds likely caused smiles from city officials and the groups and entities that benefit from the community and economic development projects funded by it.

July's proceeds were \$37,523.73, the third highest on record since the city's one percent sales tax was started in April, 2007.

January, 2008, remains the top month for sales tax proceeds with \$39,567.13 coming in.

Second highest came in a year ago in July, 2008, when the receipts totaled \$38,195.20.

From July's total, the city's street department received \$4,792.45, which is equal to the one percent city tax on motor vehicle sales assessed in July.

Leslie Carlholm, Imperial's economic development director, said she's uncertain why the past two Julys have had such high sales.

She thought possibly the increased Enders Lake traffic over the Fourth of July holidays, which fell on Saturday this year, may have contributed as people at the lake come into town for food, gas and other purchases.

Since the city sales tax started, over \$840,000 in total receipts have come back to the city, dividing it 50/50 between community projects and economic development efforts.