

Sultana Drive Reconstruction

FY2010 Request: \$570,000
Reference No: 47899

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Construction

Category: Transportation

Location: Eagle River (Chugach State Park)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2009 - 06/30/2011

Appropriation: State Parks Deferred Maintenance and Emergency Repairs

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project was moved to the FY 2009 supplemental request.

The maintenance and operation of Sultana Drive has been an issue for over 10 years. The State of Alaska owns the right-of-way on the road which connects Upper Huffman Drive to Upper Huffman State Recreation Site (SRS) within the Chugach State Park. It is the intent of this project to upgrade the road to a municipal standard so traffic can continue to operate in a safe and efficient manner.

Funding:	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	Total
CSG Tax	\$570,000						\$570,000
Total:	\$570,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$570,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	15,000	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	15,000	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

New Project request

Project Description/Justification:

Alaska Statute 41.21.020 states that one of the duties of the Department of Natural Resources is to maintain state parks and recreation areas for the general health, welfare, education, and enjoyment of Alaskans and visitors to the state. Sultana Drive has been an issue concerning the maintenance, winter plowing, and ownership for over 10 years. With the appropriated funds, the road can be upgraded to a standard that can be maintained by the bigger highway plowing equipment owned by the State of Alaska, and the cracked and dilapidated roadway surface would be replaced. Also, the current drainage for the drive is not designed correctly. New culverts and drainage ditches are needed to withstand the forces of nature. Repairs for Sultana Drive require specific funding through the capital process. One benefit of this project is that it will repair access problems into one of the busiest State Parks units in the Anchorage bowl.

Approval from the Department of Interior will be needed to proceed with the improvements, in order to comply with any previous conditions placed upon this road for park access. The Department of Law will assist in obtaining Department of Interior approval.

Why is this Project Needed Now?:

Chugach State Park is seeing a marked increase of visitors every year and the access to Upper Huffman State Recreation Site (SRS) needs to be resolved. By upgrading the road access, maintenance and drainage can be accomplished with a more appropriate design. The Upper Huffman SRS also needs to be upgraded, but maintenance on that portion will need to be deferred until Sultana Drive is repaired and improved. If this project is not funded, inevitably the state road will sustain further damage and ultimately be deemed unsafe for public use.

Specific Spending Detail:

LINE ITEM	DOLLAR AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Personal Services	\$ 140,000	Project Design and monitoring
Services	\$ 3,000	
Commodities	\$ 2,000	
Capital Outlay	\$ 425,000	Building materials and contract construction