

Ketchikan: North Tongass Highway - Totem Bight to Whipple Creek

FY2009 Request: \$13,800,000
Reference No: 47703

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Construction

Category: Transportation

Location: Ketchikan

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Estimated Project Dates: 03/01/2009 - 06/30/2014

Appropriation: Highway and Bridge Stimulus Projects

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Reconstruct the highway for approximately two miles to provide a paved width of 36' from the first junction with D-1 Loop Road to Whipple Creek Bridge (#1153). Roadway work will exclude the 0.2 mile section from the second junction with D-1 Loop Road (at approximately MP 10.5) to Lighthouse Grocery (at approximately MP 10.7), which will be addressed in another project. Construct a paved path (8' in width) on the uphill side. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.

Funding:	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>Total</u>
Federal ES	\$13,800,000						\$13,800,000
Total:	\$13,800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,800,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" 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:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

None.

Project Description/Justification:

This section of the North Tongass Highway is one of the narrowest, high-volume, high-speed segments in Southeast Alaska. Existing pavement width is only 26 feet, leaving almost no shoulder. The roadside environment is unforgiving when vehicles do exit the roadway. Posted speed is 50 mph, and Average Daily Traffic (ADT) is 4,000. The pavement condition has deteriorated rapidly and, if not repaired, will require significant maintenance.

This project meets the prioritization criteria of safety and leverages other funds. Advertising of this project is estimated to take place in December, 2009.