

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Island Trails Network****Federal Tax ID: 208024635****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Island Trails Network - Kodiak Trails Plan Implementation Phase I

State Funding Requested: \$35,000**House District: 36 / R**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Construction of trails proposed by the KIB Comprehensive Trails Plan, adopted January 2012.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$35,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$35,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**This is a new request. Elements of this request build upon Kodiak Bike Path project, funded at \$3.1M in 2011.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Island Trails Network proposes these three trail improvements with the endorsement of the Kodiak Island Borough through the KIB Comprehensive Trails Plan.

Part I of this request proposes clearing and/or re-routing as needed 6.0 miles of USFS Class III trail along the future route of the Kodiak Bike Path. \$3.1M has been allotted for the design and construction of Phase 1A which will span from Kodiak Pier 2 to Deadman's Curve. Phase 1B of the bike path will span from Deadman's Curve to the USCG base and will closely parallel Rezanof Drive but may depart from the D.O.T. right-of-way (ROW) where (1) the trail can service nearby population centers, business and recreational areas or (2) natural terrain features and drainages render ten-foot trail corridor impractical.

The goal of this project is to provide a temporary transportation route between Deadman's Curve and the USCG base to facilitate bicycle and pedestrian travel until Phase 1B is funded, and for these trails to serve as a recreational attraction after the completion of the bike path. This will be accomplished through clearing of existing but overgrown corridors along the proposed route and approximately 3500 feet of new trail construction to link these together. New trails will meet USFS Class III trail specifications include 3-foot tread compacted to a thickness of 4 inches, average grades of 12% or less, and short pitch maximums of 25% or less. Easements are being developed for all necessary re-routes or trail segments outside the D.O.T. right-of-way and a temporary construction permit has been obtained from Alaska DOT&PF for work within the DOT right-of-way. Estimated cost is \$24000.

Part II of this request proposes the resurfacing of an existing 800' trail linking residents and businesses of Marine Way to

Mission Road via Father Herman St. The trail resides entirely on City of Kodiak land and enjoys frequent use by downtown residents, dog-walkers, hikers and those seeking a nearby refuge from nearby industrial zones.

This project is intended to improve the trail to meet current and future use patterns. The trail will meet standards of a USFS Class IV trail, with no obstacles, average grade of 0%, and tread consisting of 6-foot wide D1 aggregate compacted to a thickness of 6 inches. This will allow for comfortable two way foot traffic and slow two-way bicycle traffic. Increased use and lack of proper drainage has caused incising along the tread and led to ponding and muddy conditions along the trail. The resurfacing project will incorporate natural and artificial drainage features such as outslope, crowning and grade dips to ensure adequate drainage. Estimated cost is \$6000.

Part III of this request proposes the construction on an improved trail that links residents of Sharatin Drive and adjacent subdivisions to the Trinity Islands subdivision via the Perenosa Drive right-of-way. Parts of the Perenosa Drive right-of-way were platted but never fully developed as a street. With recent high-density development in the Woodland Acres subdivision this trail has become an important neighborhood connection and seen increased use. The construction of a fence in the right-of-way in 2010 brought the future of the public right-of-way into sharp focus. Through a joint review process at the KIB Planning and Zoning commission and KIB Parks & Recreation committee, the future of the right of way was secured.

This project is intended to improve the trail to meet current use patterns. The trail will meet standards of a USFS Class IV trail, with no obstacles, grades below 12%, and tread consisting of 6-foot wide D1 aggregate compacted to a thickness of 6 inches. This will allow for comfortable two way foot traffic and slow two-way bicycle traffic without significant footprint on the green space of the area or encroachment toward backyard fences.

A segment of boardwalk 40' x 6' is required to traverse a wet area. The boardwalk will be of treated dimensional lumber construction and feature be a cross-plank design accommodate narrower tires of bicycles. An example photo is attached. Estimated cost is \$5000.

Project Timeline:

Part 1: Aug 1-Nov 30, 2012.

Part 2 and 3: April-June 2013.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Kodiak Island Borough (Parts 1 and 3), City of Kodiak (Part 2)

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: Andy Schroeder
 Title: Executive Director
 Address: PO Box 301
 Kodiak, Alaska 99615
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No



Representative Alan Austerman

Alaska State Legislature

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August 20, 2010

Mayor Carolyn Floyd and City Council Members
City of Kodiak
710 Mill Bay Road, Room 216
Kodiak, Alaska 99615

Re: Proposed Bike Trail

Dear Mayor Floyd and Council Members,

I have received numerous constituency petitions for support on the proposed bike path from the City of Kodiak to the Coast Guard Base. I wholeheartedly support the efforts of the community members, the City of Kodiak, the Kodiak Island Borough and Island Trails Network to make this a reality.

As the entities involved proceed with the mechanics of this endeavor, I would also encourage the City of Kodiak to evaluate and then nominate this project to the City Capital Improvement Project's list.

As you know, there are two projects being proposed – the completion of pathway improvements from Pier II to downtown and the completion of the city portion of an extended pathway from Pier II to city limits (Deadman's Curve).

I feel it is worthwhile to pursue the proposed path as a priority since this project will certainly increase the safety of all users – including those on the adjacent roadway as well as on the trail itself. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and their many highway safety stakeholders concurred with this analysis when they settled on key elements in the adopted Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The bottom line - enhancements of this nature will save lives.

Other persuasive arguments certainly include the issue of fossil fuels and promoting the mental and physical well being of Kodiak's residents. My office is available to assist you in any way should the City, Borough and others decide to pursue this course of action. I have added some links below that

~ Representing Alaska State House District 36 ~

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President of the Senate

January 7, 2010

The Honorable Donald E. Young
House of Representatives
2111 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515-0201

Dear Congressman Young,

I just ran into an old friend, Skip Bolton, from Kodiak (I have enclosed his card). He took you and a couple of Congressmen fishing some time ago and mentioned that you had asked him what Kodiak really needed in terms of a transportation project. His response was a bike trail from town to the Coast Guard Base. That is still the case, though I know projects such as this are hard to come by these days.

Just in case something should come up in which this project might fit, I thought I'd remind you of Skip's request. It is a great idea and I'd really appreciate any help you can provide.

On a personal note, I hope you are doing well and would be glad to offer any help I can during your next trip to Kodiak. I trust we will see you in Juneau this session.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Stevens", with a large, stylized initial "G" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Senator Gary Stevens

cc: Skip Bolton



Rotary Club of Kodiak

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October 26, 2010

Sandra West, Chairman
Island Trails Network, Ad Hoc Bike Path Committee
2474 Spruce Cape Road
Kodiak, AK 99615

Mrs. West,

We are very supportive of the proposed bike path between the City of Kodiak and Bells Flats. Working from the City, to the Base, would seem to be a logical first step.

Well designed, established, and well maintained safe bike paths are long overdue in this community. We applaud your efforts to make them a reality.

We have partnered with the Island Trails Network on past projects, and as you move forward with your project, we will consider participation.

Sincerely,

Dawn Acosta
Kodiak Noon Rotary
Box 652
Kodiak, AK 99615

July 22, 2010

Bud Cassidy
Community Development Director
Kodiak Island Borough
910 Mill Bay Road
Kodiak, AK 99615

Re: Encroachment Permit Request
ADOT Right of Way (Rezanof Drive West)

Dear Mr. Cassidy:

Horizon Lines of Alaska understands that the Kodiak Island Borough, in coordination with the Island Trails Network and others, is applying for an encroachment permit for activities in the Rezanof Drive West right-of-way. The activities will consist primarily of clearing vegetation within the right-of-way, outside of the paved vehicle corridor, from Pier II in the City of Kodiak to the United States Coast Guard Base entrance gate.

As an adjacent property owner, along a portion of the right-of-way to be cleared, Horizon Lines of Alaska has no objection to and fully supports the issuance of the requested encroachment permit to the Kodiak Island Borough. The permit will allow the Kodiak Island Borough, with the assistance of the Island Trails Network, to clear vegetation for a non-motorized, temporary trail within the Rezanof Drive West right-of-way.

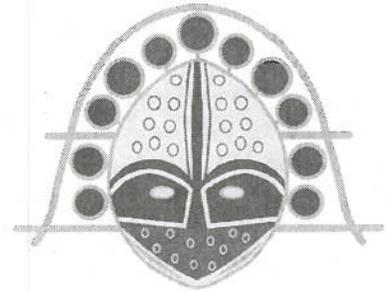
The clearing of a non motorized, temporary trail off the paved travel surface of the right-of-way will benefit both residents of, and visitors to, Kodiak by providing a safer, temporary alternative for jogging, walking, and bicycle use, until a permanent improved path is constructed.

We appreciate the Kodiak Island Borough's efforts in securing the encroachment permit on behalf of the community.

Sincerely,



Rick Knfaziowski
Terminal Operations Manager



July 19, 2010

Natives Of Kodiak, Inc.

Bud Cassidy, Community Development Director
Kodiak Island Borough
910 Mill Bay Road
Kodiak, Alaska 99615

Re: Encroachment Permit Request
ADOT Right of Way (Rezanof Drive West)

Dear Mr. Cassidy,

Natives of Kodiak, Inc. (NOK) understands that the Kodiak Island Borough, in coordination with the Island Trails Network and others, is applying for an encroachment permit for activities in the Rezanof Drive West right-of-way. The activities will consist primarily of clearing vegetation within the right-of-way and outside of the paved vehicle corridor, from Pier II in the City of Kodiak to the 17B Easement at Swampy Acres (Mile Post 3).

As an adjacent property owner along a portion of the right-of-way to be cleared, NOK has no objection to and fully supports the proposed work by the Kodiak Island Borough, with the assistance of the Island Trails Network, to clear vegetation for a non-motorized, temporary trail within the Rezanof Drive West right-of-way.

Until a permanent improved path is constructed, the clearing of a non-motorized, temporary trail off the paved travel surface of the right-of-way will benefit both residents of Kodiak and visitors to Kodiak, by providing a safer, temporary alternative for jogging, walking and bicycle use.

We appreciate the Kodiak Island Borough's efforts in securing the encroachment permit on behalf of the community.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Kelly
President and Chief Executive Officer



Sandra West <rowkodiak@gmail.com>

Fwd: Support for the Kodiak Bike Path

Ani Thomas <kodiakani@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 19, 2010 at 8:20 AM

To: rowkodiak@gmail.com

Sandra West
Chairman, Bike Path Committee
Island Trails Network

November 19, 2010

Dear Ms. West,

I vote for more bike trails in Kodiak!

Before making Kodiak my home 11 years ago, I did not own a vehicle. For seven years I happily commuted and recreated by bike. I was healthy, happy, strong, and independent in this lifestyle. Kodiak biking, however, presented some challenges. First of all, the "bike culture" had not yet formed here and subsequently drivers were not aware of bikers and road bike safety etiquette. Second of all, the lack of safe bike lanes made the hazards even more real. Third, the darkness of the winters and lack of street lights sealed the danger. After a few months on Kodiak, I sadly acquired my first car in seven years. Although I still love to bike and now share that love with my daughter, I still do not feel safe on most Kodiak roads.

I strongly support the building of more bike paths in Kodiak! I especially would love to see one from town to Bell's Flats! I want my daughter to feel safe, be strong, and independent like I was! I want kids and adults of Kodiak to have an alternative to driving everywhere. I want healthy lifestyles modeled for our kids. PLEASE know that it will be a wonderful asset to Kodiak and its future.

As a side note, I am very happy to see all the work that Island Trails Network has done for Kodiak! You are making Kodiak a better place to live! Thank you!

Sincerely,
Ani Thomas

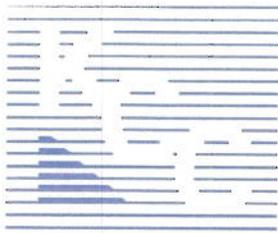
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From: **Debra Houlden-Engvall** <Engvall@gci.net>

Date: Thu, Nov 18, 2010 at 9:16 PM

Subject: Support for the Kodiak Bike Path

To:



**KODIAK
CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE**

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November 15, 2010

Sandra West, Chairman
Island Trails Network, Bike Path Committee
2474 Spruce Cape Road
Kodiak, AK 99615

Mrs. West,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce, please accept this letter in support of the proposed bike path between the City of Kodiak and Bells Flats with Phase 1 being between the City of Kodiak and the Coast Guard Base.

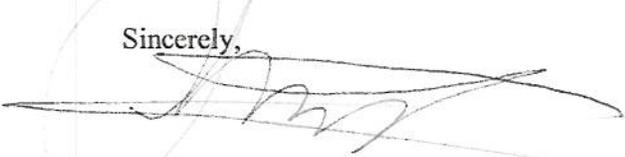
The path will be a great way for commuters, families, visitors, and recreational users to get out and enjoy this fabulous island we call home.

The benefits to our entire community are numerous including healthier people, less traffic, more productive workers, happier residents, better business, lower health care, reduction in air, water, and noise pollution, safer roads, and a stronger sense of community.

The public involvement process is designed to provide an opportunity for members of the public, and representatives of local, state, and federal agencies to have input into the design and construction of the project.

The pathway will be a legacy we can all be proud to pass on to our children and grandchildren for generations to come.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Knight, President

Dedicated to Kodiak's Economic Future

Alaska Dept of Fish and Game
211 Mission Road
Kodiak, AK 99615

July 20, 2010

Bud Cassidy
Community Development Director
Kodiak Island Borough
910 Mill Bay Road
Kodiak, AK 99615

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ADOT Right of Way (Rezanof Drive West)

Dear Mr. Cassidy:

Alaska Dept of Fish and Game understands that the Kodiak Island Borough, in coordination with the Island Trails Network and others, is applying for an encroachment permit for activities in the Rezanof Drive West right-of-way. The activities will consist primarily of clearing vegetation within the right-of-way, outside of the paved vehicle corridor, from Pier II in the City of Kodiak to the 17B easement at Swampy Acres, mile post 3.

As an adjacent property owner, along a portion of the right-of-way to be cleared, the Alaska Dept of Fish and Game has no objection to and fully supports the issuance of the requested encroachment permit to the Kodiak Island Borough. The permit will allow the Kodiak Island Borough, with the assistance of the Island Trails Network, to clear vegetation for a non-motorized, temporary trail within the Rezanof Drive West right-of-way.

The clearing of a non motorized, temporary trail off the paved travel surface of the right-of-way will benefit both residents of, and visitors to, Kodiak by providing a safer, temporary alternative for jogging, walking, and bicycle use, until a permanent improved path is constructed.

We appreciate the Kodiak Island Borough's efforts in securing the encroachment permit on behalf of the community.

Sincerely,



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Sandra West, Chairman
Island Trails Network, Bike Path Committee
2474 Spruce Cape Road
Kodiak, AK 99615

November 15, 2010

Dear Mrs. West,

I writing to commend your efforts to develop a bike path between the City of Kodiak and Bells and offer our support to you in this.

This project will benefit our whole community in numerous ways including health, traffic, productivity in the work place, happier residents, reduction in air, water, and noise pollution, safer roads and a stronger sense of community.

Feel free to share our support of this project with City, Borough, permitting officials and potential funders that will be playing an important role in making this great opportunity a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Trevor Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Trevor Jones,
Executive Director

Kodiak Bike Path
2012 Legislative Request

Phase I end/
Phase II begin

Phase II end



Father Herman Trail
2012 Legislative Request



