

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)**

**Grant Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough**

**Federal Tax ID: 92-0030894**

**Project Title:**

**Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

# Kenai Peninsula Borough - Extension of Paved Lighted Pedestrian Path, K-Beach Elementary School to Kenai Peninsula College

**State Funding Requested: \$463,337**

**House District: Kenai Areawide (28-30)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Extension of Paved Lighted Pedestrian Path--K-Beach Elementary School to Kenai Peninsula College

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$463,337
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	(\$463,337)
Project Deficit:	\$0
<i>Funding Details:</i>	
n/a	

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The project would extend a paved walking path that presently runs from Kalifornsky Beach Rd. along East Poppy Lane to just past Ravenwood Street. It is request that this path be extended approximately 4/10th of a mile ending at the intersection of Poppy Ridge Rd. near the Kenai Peninsula College entrance.

The justification for this request is as follows:

There continues to be increased use of the roadway by students and other residents as they walk to business establishments along K-Beach Rd.

- K-6 students attending K-Beach Elementary use the road to walk to and from school. This past year, more youngsters are walking and biking along this road than in past years. Drivers report many "near misses" with these children particularly at night.

- Alaska Christian College houses 50+ students (about 20 more than in past years) and all are without cars so they frequently walk to K-Beach businesses and to Kenai Peninsula College to attend classes.

- KPC student housing was completed in Aug. 2013 and accommodates up 92 students. Many of these students will not have cars so the number of students walking along Poppy Lane will increase dramatically. Many of these students would

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also use such a path to bicycle and walk on for physical conditioning.

- This area is widely recognized as a crossing area for bear and moose with many seen along the roadway and on the shoulders.

These all constitute safety issues and we believe that a paved walking path would lower the risk potential significantly. Additionally, it will give those that presently use the paved path along K-Beach another route to walk and avoid the K-Beach traffic noise and intersections.

The Kenai Peninsula College Council, Alaska Christian College Board of Advisors, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education, and City of Soldotna City Council have all passed resolutions in favor of this project. The Kenai Peninsula Borough and City of Soldotna included this as a priority Capital Improvement Project in 2013.

### Project Timeline:

ongoing

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

Kenai Peninsula Borough

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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