

**Ketchikan: North Tongass Highway: Ward Cove to Whipple Creek Widening and Realign**      **FY2005 Request: \$2,200,000**  
**Reference No: 39151**

**AP/AL:** Allocation      **Project Type:** Construction  
**Category:** Transportation  
**Location:** Ketchikan      **Contact:** John MacKinnon  
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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2009  
**Appropriation:** Surface Transportation Program

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Widen/realign from Ward Cove to Whipple Creek. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$2,200,000						\$2,200,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,200,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,200,000</b>

<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:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

FY2003 - \$1,900,000 GO Bond.

**Project Description/Justification:**

Construction of a wider road with paved shoulders and pedestrian accommodations as appropriate. Due to limited funding, the initial stage of construction extends from Refuge Cove through Mud Bight to Totem Bight. Traffic volumes for this segment are 4,300 vehicles per day. This request will supplement bond funds in funding construction.

As a safety priority, widening this narrow arterial pursues the Department's mission. This high-speed route has numerous run-off-the-road accidents, some of which have resulted in fatalities. The worse part of the alignment is the curve and grade section at Mud Bight. This highway provides the only connection to the western part of the Ketchikan community, which includes numerous destinations and residences. This part of Ketchikan grew substantially over the past 25 years, but the highway has yet to be upgraded.