

Wrangell: Bradfield Canal Road

FY2005 Request: \$6,000,000

Reference No: 39152

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Planning

Category: Transportation

Location: Wrangell

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2009

Appropriation: Congressional Earmarks

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Develop Bradfield Canal Road from a ferry terminal site on the Bradfield Canal to the Canadian Border. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage, by improving the mobility of people and goods and by increasing private investment.

Funding:	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$6,000,000						\$6,000,000
Total:	\$6,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000,000

<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:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2004 - \$250,000.

Project Description/Justification:

This project provides funding for the design of the proposed highway and terminal, including preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The proposed alignment proceeds from the terminal site at the head of navigation (east end of Bradfield Canal) across the East Fork of the Bradfield River and up the North Fork of the Bradfield River to a tunnel location. From the tunnel, the proposed alignment gently descends along the Craig River into British Columbia. Current activity involves reconnaissance of the proposal, prior to the commencement of the scoping process for an EIS.

Establishing land highway access into British Columbia supports the Department's mission of improving mobility of people and goods. When connected to the Cassiar Highway, this link can be used to transport fish and other resources to market by truck. Currently, the flexibility and economies offered by shipping by truck is not available to the fish processing industry in Southeast. Other benefits of the route include improved travel opportunities for residents and visitors, better access to mining areas and more exchange with our neighbors in British Columbia.