

**Petersburg: Mitkof Highway Upgrade**

**FY2006 Request: \$4,800,000**  
**Reference No: AMD 40531**

**AP/AL:** Allocation

**Project Type:** Construction

**Category:** Transportation

**Location:** Petersburg

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2010

**Appropriation:** Surface Transportation Program

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Pave Mitkof Highway from the end of pavement to the junction with the road to the new ferry terminal on Blind Slough (South Mitkof). 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>	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>FY2007</b>	<b>FY2008</b>	<b>FY2009</b>	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>FY2011</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fed Rcpts	\$4,800,000						\$4,800,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,800,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,800,000</b>

<input checked="" 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
9% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" 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
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

None.

**Project Description/Justification:**

This allocation constructs a strengthened base and paving from the intersection with Crystal Lake Hatchery Road to the intersection with the road to the new ferry terminal (seven miles). Alignment on the existing gravel highway is acceptable, but surface condition is not and the gravel surface is expensive to maintain. Original construction relied on local materials (from Man-Made Hole) that contained frost-susceptible fines, such that two miles of highway lack the strength to support a paved surface.

Paving of gravel road surfaces supports the Department's mission of improving the mobility of people and goods. This highway segment is the only link between Petersburg and the terminus of the northern route of the Inter-Island Ferry Authority (IFA). Daily sailings (initially during non-winter months) are scheduled to begin in the spring of 2006, and will connect Petersburg, Wrangell and Coffman Cove on Prince of Wales Island. Initiation of this service by IFA will add new options for surface travel in Southeast Alaska, and enable trips on links that currently have no direct service. A paved highway connection to Petersburg needs to be in place so that poor surface conditions do not deter travel, and to avoid the diversion of scarce maintenance resources to continuing, temporary restoration of the gravel surface.