

North Slope: Foothills West Road EIS

FY2005 Request: \$4,000,000

Reference No: 41149

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Planning

Category: Transportation

Location: North Slope Borough

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Estimated Project Dates: 06/30/2005 - 06/30/2010

Appropriation: CC: Section 58(c): Alaska Capital Income Projects

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Complete NEPA process necessary to construct 50-mile road from Pump Station 2 on Dalton Highway westerly into area of oil and gas leases on state land.

Funding:	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>Total</u>
AK Cap Inc	\$4,000,000						\$4,000,000
Total:	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input 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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Project Description/Justification:

Previously proposed to be a 102 mile road from pump station 2 on the Dalton Highway west and north to Nuiqsut, this project has been refined to initially consist of a 50 mile east-west leg along the foothills of the Brooks Range, providing year-round gravel road access to numerous existing oil and gas leases on state lands.

This project is intended to develop preliminary engineering and NEPA effort for the new road to serve Foothills region west of Dalton Highway in an area of potential oil and gas development on state land. The 75-mile road is from Dalton Highway westerly and northerly toward the future Colville River crossing.

DOT&PF will lead this road development effort. Federal highway money is not appropriate for this project for two key reasons: the federal-aid NEPA process is more time consuming and once federal funds are used, the road must be opened to public travel. Homeland security considerations at major oil and gas installations are incompatible with roads open to public travel.