

Bradfield Canal Environmental Impact Statement

FY2007 Request: \$2,000,000
Reference No: 41382

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Construction

Category: Transportation

Location: Statewide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2011

Appropriation: Transportation Initiative

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Additional funds needed to complete the Bradfield Canal EIS. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by improving the mobility of people and goods and by increasing private investment.

Funding:	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$2,000,000						\$2,000,000
Total:	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000

<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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

None.

Project Description/Justification:

Congressional earmark funds are not adequate to complete the work on the Bradfield Canal EIS.

The Bradfield River Road project is an over-land link from Southeast Alaska to Canada. The area begins about 25 miles southeast of the City of Wrangell, Alaska, near the head of the Bradfield Canal. The Bradfield Canal is an 18-mile long fjord leading to the mouth of the Bradfield River. From the mouth of the Bradfield River, the proposed road alignment follows the North Fork of the Bradfield River for 23 miles, where it crosses into the South Fork of the Craig River drainage through a proposed 1.5-mile long tunnel, and thereafter follows the Craig River for 4.5 miles to the Canadian border. Total project length within the U.S. is approximately 29 miles. A corresponding 35-mile study of a potential link with the Canadian highway system is being coordinated in Canada by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

The pre-NEPA feasibility study has been completed that outlined conceptual designs and cost estimates. These funds will enable the department to complete the environmental impact statement.