

Parks Highway

FY2007 Request: \$10,500,000

Reference No: 41664

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Construction

Category: Transportation

Location: Glennallen

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

Appropriation: Transportation Initiative

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This will be the second year of a six year program to reconstruct deficient segments of the Parks Highway to eliminate the seasonal weight restrictions. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.

Funding:	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$10,500,000						\$10,500,000
Total:	\$10,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,500,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" 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:

None.

Project Description/Justification:

Every spring for approximately 6 weeks, the department places weight restriction on the Parks Highway that limits the loads that commercial trucks carry to 85% of the maximum legal load limits. We place weight restrictions on highways that do not adequately support legal loads without causing damage to the road surface or underlying embankment. These restrictions reduce the amount of freight that the trucks can carry and subsequently reduce the revenue to the trucking companies by about \$500-\$1,000 per trip. To meet the legal weights the freight and trucking companies must also break down their loads into smaller units. This additional handling of freight ultimately cost the consumer additional expense.

To support 100% legal loads year round, the department must upgrade 58 miles of the Parks Highway. These areas need embankment reconstruction and repaving. This funding will address 7 miles from MP185 to MP 192, an area just south of Cantwell. Our goal is to fund at least one project a year over the next 6 years and have the Parks Highway capable of supporting legal loads all year round.