

Toilsome Hill / Glen Alps / Canyon Road Improvements

FY2007 Request: \$2,500,000
Reference No: 41802

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Construction

Category: Transportation

Location: Mat-Su Areawide

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

Appropriation: Transportation Initiative

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Improvements to Toilsome Hill Road, Glen Alps Road, and Canyon Road, which are major access points to Chugach State Park. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by improving the mobility of people and goods and increasing private investment.

Funding:	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	Total
Gen Fund	\$2,500,000						\$2,500,000
Total:	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500,000

<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:

Provide funds to the Glen Alps Local Road Service Area Board to:

- ? Pave the remaining sections of Toilsome Hill/Glen Alps Road to provide a paved road to the Chugach State Park parking lot
- ? Conduct a reconnaissance study to determine long term alternatives for improvements to Toilsome Hill/Glen Alps Road and to Canyon Road
- ? Purchase right-of-way for Toilsome Hill/Glen Alps Road, and possibly for Canyon Road.

Provide funds to Alaska State Parks to:

- ? Pave the parking lot at the Chugach State Park Glen Alps trailhead

Neither Toilsome Hill/Glen Alps Road nor Canyon Road are owned by the State of Alaska. Yet both roads provide access to Chugach State Park. Toilsome Hill/Glen Alps Road provides access to the most heavily visited trailhead in Alaska at Chugach State Park. The access road is owned and maintained by the Glen Alps Service Area, even though the majority of traffic is generated by Park users. Alaska State Parks supports improvements to Toilsome Hill/Glen Alps Road.

Canyon Road has a number of right-of-way issues. The Glen Alps Local Road Service Area Board estimates that approximately 75% of Canyon Road is on private property. Improvements to the road are highly controversial.