

Palmer/Wasilla Highway Improvements

FY2007 Request: \$12,000,000

Reference No: 41668

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:

This project was funded last year (\$6 million) to complete the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a four-lane expansion of the Palmer/Wasilla Highway. This funding will result in badly needed interim improvements, including turn lanes, signals and roundabouts that in some cases will be incorporated into the final project. 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	\$12,000,000						\$12,000,000
Total:	\$12,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" 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	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2006 - \$6,000,000.

Project Description/Justification:

The Palmer-Wasilla Highway is a two-lane facility, approximately 10 miles in length, and links the city of Palmer to the city of Wasilla. It has the third highest traffic volumes in the state for a two-lane facility. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and preliminary design, funded last year, will cover an upgrade of the facility to four travel lanes, a potential center turn lane, intersection improvements, utility relocations and reconstruction of the existing pedestrian pathway. The purpose of the project is to reduce delays and congestion, and improve access from side streets in the vicinity.

While the EIS is in progress, this Interim Improvements Project is being implemented.