

**Big Lake/Burma Road Environmental Impact Statement and FY2007 Request: \$5,000,000**  
**Design Reference No: 41996**

**AP/AL:** Allocation **Project Type:** Construction  
**Category:** Transportation  
**Location:** Mat-Su Areawide **Contact:** John MacKinnon  
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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2011  
**Appropriation:** Transportation Initiative

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project will provide for an environmental document to support improvements over a length of eighteen-miles from the Parks Highway to Port Mackenzie Road. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$5,000,000						\$5,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000

<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	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

None.

**Project Description/Justification:**

The department is working cooperatively with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to provide as direct a route as possible from Port Mackenzie to the National Highway System (NHS) Parks Highway for the movement of freight. The realignment of Big Lake and Burma Roads would provide a safer and more efficient connection to the NHS. Providing this link will improve the efficiency and safety of freight hauling operations to and from the Port as well as improved access to approximately 10,000 acres of industrial/commercial property.

Current access to the NHS Parks Highway for the movement of freight from and to the port is off of the Knik-Goose Bay Road and Vine Road. Vine Road is residential, narrow and also has no shoulders. Knik-Goose Bay Road is a heavily traveled facility that connects large subdivisions to the arterial system. Neither facility lend themselves well to the accommodation of increased freight traffic; improved roadway connections are needed to connect Port MacKenzie to the National Highway System.