

Palmer Wasilla Highway Improvements**FY2007 Request: \$15,000,000****Reference No: AMD 42994****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Mat-Su Areawide**Contact:** John MacKinnon**House District:** Matsu Areawide (HD 13-16)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-6973**Estimated Project Dates:** 05/16/2007 - 09/30/2009**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Palmer-Wasilla Highway carries the second highest traffic volumes in the Valley after the Parks Highway. Traffic volume exceeds recommended levels for a two-lane highway, and links the two major cities of Palmer and Wasilla. It is one of the soon-to-be-designated safety corridors due to high accident rates. 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	\$15,000,000						\$15,000,000
Total:	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000

<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 checked="" 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:

FY2007 - \$12,000,000; FY2006 - \$6,000,000.

Project Description/Justification:

It is estimated the total cost of improvements to the Palmer-Wasilla Highway are between \$85 and \$95 million. To accelerate this badly needed project, the department hopes to fund and construct the Palmer-Wasilla Highway expansion improvements over the next five to seven years using State general funds and not federal funds. Design work and right-of-way acquisition are currently underway.