

Connect Anchorage**FY2007 Request: \$35,000,000****Reference No: 43056****AP/AL:** Appropriation with Allocations**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Anchorage Areawide**Contact:** John MacKinnon**House District:** Anchorage Areawide (HD 17-32) **Contact Phone:** (907)465-6973**Estimated Project Dates:** 05/16/2007 - 06/30/2012**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This is a new FY2007 Capital Budget Request. This multiple-project initiative will address the most congested areas in Anchorage and Eagle River. 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	\$35,000,000						\$35,000,000
Total:	\$35,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,000,000

<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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**Project Description/Justification:**

On October 12, 2006, the State of Alaska and the Municipality of Anchorage signed an agreement to work cooperatively to seek funding to develop and construct transportation projects and work towards a complete implementation of the Anchorage Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) through the initiative called **Connect Anchorage**. **Connect Anchorage** is a 10-year congestion relief program funded by federal, state and local sources that will focus on the congestion relief and capacity improvements that have been identified by the Anchorage LRTP, the STIP (Statewide Transportation Improvement Program) and the AMATS (Anchorage Metropolitan Transportation Solutions) TIP (Transportation Improvement Program).

Funding efforts in 2005 and 2006 by the state helped alleviate some of the congestion issues in Anchorage. The passage of the 2002 bond ballot in conjunction with the 2005 and 2006 State appropriations represent just over \$30 million of state money per year invested into the Anchorage congestion problem. In addition, a programmatic approach with concurrent development of projects will result in a more predictable and efficient implementation instead of a project-by-project consecutive approach as has been done in the past.