

Bethel: Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway - Rehabilitation and Separated Pathway

FY2008 Request: \$4,000,000
Reference No: 39163

AP/AL: Allocation
Category: Transportation
Location: Bethel
House District: Bethel
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2012
Appropriation: Surface Transportation Program

Project Type: Construction
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Rehabilitate the Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway from Milepost 0.0 to Milepost 4.3. Construct a separated pathway along the north side of Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway from the airport to Watson's Corner, then north along Ridgecrest Drive to the High School. 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:	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$4,000,000						\$4,000,000
Total:	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000,000

<input checked="" 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
9% = 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	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2007 - \$4,000,000; FY2005 - \$4,000,000; FY2001 - \$2,010,000.

Project Description/Justification:

This state owned Chief Eddie Hoffman highway is a high dollar maintenance road that needs to be rebuilt to add stabilization and reduce annual costs. The road surface is narrow and heavily traveled as the main connection from the airport to the city dock. The community of Bethel is growing fast and the traffic mix includes heavy construction trucks, cargo trucks and automobiles. The road is built on tundra that settles every year due to differential thaw. The need for the pathway has become apparent since the reconstruction of the highway and Ridgecrest Drive. Since the completion of these projects, vehicle/pedestrian conflicts have increased. This is an area where traditional means of transportation (i.e., pedestrians, bicyclist and all-terrain vehicles) are coming into conflict with highway vehicles. Along this route is the Pre-Maternal Center which houses expectant mothers awaiting delivery. These residents come from surrounding communities and are dependent on non-vehicular travel along the sides of the roads. During the winter months the hours of darkness are long and illumination along the highway is poor.