

Agency: Department of Transportation/Public Facilities

Project Title:

Aleknagik - Wood River Bridge

State Funding Requested: \$ 20,000,000
One-Time Need

House District: 37 - S

Brief Project Description:

Construct a 350 foot,two lane bridge and 0.6 miles of road connecting to existing roads.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$22,000,000

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Federal Funds	\$3,000,000	2005	\$14,000,000	2008	\$20,000,000	2009
State Funds	\$193,537	2006-2008				
Local Funds	\$1,971	1999				
Total	<u>\$3,195,508</u>		<u>\$14,000,000</u>		<u>\$20,000,000</u>	

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Aleknagik Wood River Bridge will provide access across Lake Aleknagik to the North Shore. The project will construct a 350 foot, two lane bridge near the head of the Wood River and approaches to the bridge from existing roads. This project does not include separated pathways or illumination.

A bridge is needed to provide safe passage between the North and South Shores of the community. Many deaths have occurred due to unsafe traveling conditions during fall freeze-up and spring break-up. The community would like to prevent accidents and deaths from happening due to unsafe ice conditions.

The bridge is needed to transport children safely to and from school. There are school children on the South Shore that need to cross the lake to attend the Aleknagik School, K-8 on the North Shore. And, there are North Shore High School students that cross the lake to catch a bus to Dillingham to attend high school. These are daily trips five times a week in all kinds of weather and ice conditions.

The bridge is needed to consolidate services. Currently, the community duplicates services for each side of the lake. If there were a bridge, the City could close one of its landfills and health clinics. There would be savings in road maintenance equipment, emergency response equipment, and fire equipment. Consolidation of services saves money for the community and funding agencies.

The bridge will encourage economic development as people in Aleknagik and Dillingham see opportunities open up due to better access, and increased potential markets provided by the bridge access.

A bridge would provide more of a sense of cohesiveness to the community. Many of the services, like the City office, Post

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Office and airport are on the North Shore. If there were a bridge these services would be more readily available to the whole community, improving the sense of community and togetherness.

The Aleknagik Wood River Bridge is currently in its design phase, expecting right-of-way work next summer. It is on the 06-09 STIP for construction funds this year, and if funded, it could be built in 2010. Right-of-way is funded should be completed in 2008. The project will remain on track for construction, if funds are secured this Congressional and Legislative capital budgeting session. The community would like to see the project funded, so it can proceed as planned.

Project Timeline:

Construction in 2010 with successful funding

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Still being discussed

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Contact Name: Allen Kemplen

Phone Number: 269-0509

Address: PO Box 196900, Anchorage, 99519

Email: allen.kemplen@alaska.gov

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

Bristol Bay Housing Authority

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RESOLUTION 08-04

APPROVING SUPPORT FOR ALEKNAGIK WOOD RIVER BRIDGE

Whereas, the Village of Aleknagik is on Lake Aleknagik and the Aleknagik Wood River Bridge would provide access between the North and South Shores, and

Whereas, there are many advantages and cost savings in having a bridge at Aleknagik:

- **SAVE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL MONEY.** A bridge would allow for consolidation of services that are now duplicated on each side of the lake.
- **PREVENTING DEATHS.** A Bridge would prevent deaths of people traveling across the lake
- **IMPROVING SAFETY FOR WINTER TRAVEL AREA WIDE.** A bridge would provide a safe crossing point at Aleknagik, which is the junction of winter trails between the villages in the area that travel to Dillingham hub for supplies, travel to hunting and recreational areas, and to visit family and friends in other villages.
- **PROVIDE A LINK TO STATE PARK ACCESS.** A bridge would provide a transportation link to the Wood-Tikchik State Park, The larges state park in the nation.
- **PROVIDE A LINK IN THE DILLINGHAM/BRISTOL BAY CORRIDOR.** A bridge is part of the Dillingham/Bristol Bay corridor as seen in the ADOT, Southwest Alaska Long Range Transportation Plan.
- **SAVE MONEY ON SHARED PROGRAMS BETWEEN COMMUNITEES.** A bridge would provide better connection between the communities of Dillingham and Aleknagik providing opportunities for cooperative efforts.
- **CREATE COHESIVENESS.** A bridge would provide a link between two parts of Aleknagik that want a closer connection.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Bristol Bay Housing Authority that our legislators be notified of our support for the construction of the Aleknagik Wood River Bridge with the construction costs of \$ 20 million, as included in the 06-09 STIP, with construction to begin in 2010.

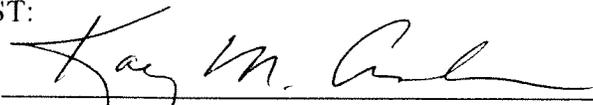
ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 25th Day of January, 2008.



CHAIRMAN, William Tennyson

SEAL

ATTEST:



SECRETARY, Kay Andrews

CERTIFICATE

OF

RECORDING OFFICER

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified Secretary of the Bristol Bay Housing Authority do hereby certify:

1. That the attached Resolution is a true and correct copy of a Resolution as finally adopted at a duly called meeting of the Board of Directors of Bristol Bay Housing Authority held on January 25th, 2008 and duly recorded in the official records of this Body, that the Resolution has not been amended, modified, or rescinded, and is now in full force and effect;
2. That the meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law; that to the extent required by law, that due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and that a legally sufficient number of members of the Board of Commissioners voted in the proper manner for adoption of said Resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings under the law incident to the proper adoption or passage of the Resolution, including the publication, if required, have been duly fulfilled, carried out, and other-wise observed; that I am authorized to execute this Certificate; and that the seal affixed below constitutes the official seal of the Bristol Bay Housing Authority and this Certificate is hereby executed under such official seal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on January 25th, 2008.



Kay Andrews, Secretary

(SEAL)



Date: *Jan. 29, 2008*

The Honorable Senator Ted Stevens
522 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington D.C. 20510-0201

RE: Aleknagik Wood River Bridge

To the Honorable Senator Stevens:

Aleknagik is on Lake Aleknagik and the Aleknagik Wood River Bridge would provide access between the North and South Shores. There are many advantages and cost savings in having a bridge at Aleknagik:

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Please support the Aleknagik Wood River Bridge project in the amount of \$20 million for construction. The Aleknagik Wood River Bridge is currently in its design phase, expecting right-of-way work next summer. It is on the 06-09 STIP, and if funded this year, it could be built in 2010. This project requires your help this funding cycle.

Thank you for your support of the Aleknagik Wood River Bridge.

Respectfully requested,

Jack Lottis, Superintendent



Southwest Region School District

U.S. CONGRESS:

Senator Lisa Murkowski
709 Hart Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-0202

Congressman Don Young
211 Rayburn Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-0201

STATE LEGISLATURE:

Representative Bryce Edgmon
State Capitol, MS 3100
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Senator Lyman Hoffman
State Capitol, MS 3100
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Representative Kevin Meyer
State Capitol, MS 3100
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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

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JOINT RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 07-01

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCILS OF THE CITY OF ALEKNAGIK, ALEKNAGIK TRADITIONAL COUNCIL AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ALEKNAGIK NATIVES LIMITED TO APPROVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY OF ALEKNAGIK, ALASKA FOR THE COMING YEAR.

WHEREAS, Aleknagik Natives Limited, Aleknagik Traditional Council and the City of Aleknagik executed a Memorandum of Understanding on October 29, 2000 to recognize areas of mutual concern and support, and to establish a framework for cooperative relations and communication for the benefit of the community of Aleknagik as a whole and it is the desire of the three entities to cooperate concerning legal and political matters inherent in a private corporation to government to government relationship; and,

WHEREAS, the Councils of the City of Aleknagik (City), Aleknagik Traditional Council (ATC) and Board of Directors of Aleknagik Natives Limited (ANL) recognize that the community of Aleknagik has many urgent capital needs; and,

WHEREAS, the Congress and State Legislature will begin their capital budgeting processes soon; and,

WHEREAS, the City, ATC, and ANL wish to convey to the U.S. Congressional Delegation, Governor Sara Palin, and Alaska State Legislature Aleknagik's the Aleknagik capital improvement priorities for the coming year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Councils of the City of Aleknagik, Aleknagik Traditional Council and Board of Directors of Aleknagik Natives Limited met in a Joint Meeting on November 15, 2007 to address Capital Improvement Priorities and other areas of concern, and approved the following capital improvement priority list: 1) Aleknagik Wood River Bridge; 2) Float Plane Dock; 3) New State Grader; 4) Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Building Construction; 5) Water & Sewer Projects; 6) CAT D6 Bulldozer; 7) Multi-Purpose Cultural Building Business Plan; 8) Aleknagik Airport Improvements; descriptive project outlines are attached hereto and made part of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the an additional, "Other Capital Needs List," was approved, which consists of other urgent needs that are currently not being met by other means and are smaller in nature than those items on the Capital Improvement Priorities, the Other Capital Needs List is attached hereto and made part of this resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 15th day of November, 2007
by a duly constituted quorum of the Councils of the City of Aleknagik, Aleknagik
Traditional Council and Board of Directors of Aleknagik Natives Limited.

SIGNED: Bobby Andrew
Bobby Andrew, Aleknagik Natives Limited President

ATTEST: Dora Andrew-Irhe
Dora Andrew-Irhe, Aleknagik Natives Limited Secretary

SIGNED: Wassillie Ilutsik
Wassillie Ilutsik, Aleknagik Traditional Council Chair

ATTEST: Margie Aloysius
Margie Aloysius, Aleknagik Traditional Council Secretary/Treasurer

SIGNED: Berna Andrews
Berna Andrews, City of Aleknagik Mayor

ATTEST: Jeri Alakayak
Jeri Alakayak, City of Aleknagik Deputy City Clerk

2008 CAPITAL PROJECT REQUEST
CITY OF ALEKNAGIK

PRIORITY 1 OF 8

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ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS:

Department of Transportation (DOT) funded \$1 million for design and design is underway. \$3 million was dedicated to the project in the FY06 Federal budget for right-of-way expected to be complete in 2008. The latest FY06-08 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) estimates that the State funds needed to build the Aleknagik Wood River Bridge is \$14 million dollars. Allen Kemplen, DOT Area Planner, has another internal estimate at \$15.5 million dollars.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT:

DOT is managing the design phase under Carl Nelson, Project Manager, who can be reached at (907) 269-0595. Allen Kemplen, DOT Area Planner, is the contact for the Aleknagik Wood River Bridge and can be reached at (907) 269-0509. Patricia Heyano, City Administrator, can be reached at (907) 842-5953.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The design should be complete in late 2007 or early 2008. Right-of-way should be complete in 2008. The project could remain on track for construction in 2009, if construction funds are secured this Congressional and Legislative capital budgeting session. The community would like to see the project funded, so it can proceed as planned.

2008 FUNDING REQUEST: \$15.5 million

2008 CAPITAL PROJECT REQUEST

Aleknagik Wood River Bridge Project
Briefing Paper
3-10-08

Background: The City of Aleknagik is located at the southeast end of Lake Aleknagik at the mouth of the Wood River. The City is located on both shores separated by approximately 700 feet of water. Storms, rough water, fog and marginal ice during freeze-up or break-up can create dangerous crossing conditions for residents. Eleven deaths have occurred in crossing attempts since 1960.

Current Situation:

- A Revised Environmental Assessment was completed in 2004
- The project was programmed in STIP Amendment #13 for construction funds in FFY2009 relying on a state GF appropriation
- STIP Amendment #17 has only the funding for design and right-of-way (\$1.75M) via an earmark
- Final design is underway
- Right-of-way should be completed in 2009
- Current capital budget does not include funding
- Significant delays could cause the environmental assessment to lapse and this would set the project back.
- Cost to complete is \$20.0 M
- A combination of STIP and state funds (50/50) could see this project completed in 2012
- 100% state funds would result in completion in 2010