

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Kodiak Island Borough

Project Title:

Kodiak Island Borough - Road Service Area Rehabilitation and Paving

State Funding Requested: \$ 2,500,000

House District: 36 - R

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Design and construct pavement and storm drain structures in outlying neighborhoods of the Kodiak road system.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$4,000,000

	<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>
Local Funds					\$1,500,000	2009
Total					\$1,500,000	

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Many collector roads passing through residential areas outside Kodiak City limits remain unpaved and in need of storm runoff structures. These busy roads are generally lined with residential properties. During dry conditions the traffic flow and wind creates generous quantities of unhealthy dust over residents causing road service boards to invest in chemical remedies to mitigate air quality problems. During more common wet and rainy conditions the gravel roads demand considerable maintenance resources to minimize pot-holes and washboard conditions. Gravel roads remain frozen much longer than paved surfaces requiring higher maintenance expenses for sanding and ice abatement during winter months. Property owners within the paving area will contribute to the project through a local improvement district. However, due to the high cost of asphalt in Kodiak, the Borough is seeking financial assistance from the state to reduce costs to residents. The Borough's paving needs exceed the estimated project costs, therefore projects will be prioritized and phased as funding allows.

Project Timeline:

Planning and design- fall/winter 2008
 Phased construction- summers of 2009/2010

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

Kodiak Island Borough

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

Kodiak Island Borough

Project Title: Kodiak Island Borough – Local Roads Improvements Project

Amount: \$2,500,000

Project Description: This project would address the need to pave portions of either main thoroughfares or busy neighborhood roads. Along with the paving of roads would come improvements to major drainage issues in these areas. Paving service area roads eliminates poor air quality experienced by local residents because Kodiak road construction material breaks down easily into fine airborne dust and volcanic ash. Kodiak is at the right temperature for daily freeze/thaw of roadbed material that promotes major maintenance issues with the development of potholes.

Residents located within the paving area will contribute a percentage of the engineering and improvement costs through a local improvement district. Due to the high cost of asphalt, the Borough is seeking the state's financial assistance to help to reduce the cost to the residents. The Borough's total paving needs exceed the total estimated project costs, therefore projects will be phased in and completed on a priority basis as funding is available. This amount of funding will result in approximately \$4 million in road improvements.

Project Title: Alaska DOT/PF – Rezanof Drive Safety Lighting: Town to Airport

Amount: \$2,500,000

Project Description: The state airport in Kodiak is about four miles from the City of Kodiak. This is a paved, two-lane state road with little or no lighting at present. Large Sitka spruce trees and topographic features shade most of the route. Portions of the road are in areas adjacent to steep slopes on the downhill side. Visibility in dark or winter conditions is minimal, creating unsafe driving conditions. Funding would be used to provide roadway lighting in critical areas along this route.

Having a lighted highway to the Kodiak's major state airport is important. Most Kodiak residents travel to the airport to leave the island, but also to pick up or drop off friends and family. In addition, the U.S. Coast Guard Support Center is located beyond the airport. Many civilians that are employed on the military base travel this dark roadway on a daily basis.