Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)
Grant Recipient: Seward

Project Title:
Seward - Road/Levee Construction

State Funding Requested: $1,750,000
House District: 35 - R
Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:
Road/Levee Construction.

Funding Plan:

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Detailed Project Description and Justification:
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Construction of the new road/levee will not only protect significant public infrastructure assets from flooding. It will also serve as an alternate access to the landfill and rock quarry, resulting in relocating heavy equipment (dump trucks, loaders, garbage trucks, etc.) off of neighborhood residential roads, onto a road designed to meet the capacity of heavier equipment and vehicles. This will also improve the safety of residential neighborhoods currently impacted by heavy equipment and debris.

Project Timeline:
Planning phase 2008
Phased construction 2009-2010

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The City of Seward

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? [X] Yes [ ] No
Project Title: Construction of the Levee Road
Priority: #1 Public Facilities
Funding Needed: $1.7 Million
Funding Source: State and Local Contributions

Project Justification:

The construction of the Levee Road is a critical Seward project because it will prevent Japanese Creek and Resurrection River from causing repeat flood damage to public infrastructure. The levee road protects state assets from flooding the airport, the Seward Highway, the Alaska Railroad and critical city infrastructure. Seward will provide a 15% match of $255,000 and has already obtained $2.68M from federal sources for this project. The additional $1.7M provides the remaining funding necessary to complete the project. This project was approved through a public process and city council resolution attached. Input from this project has been obtained from the following federal and state agencies: FEMA, USFWS, US Army Corps, NOAA NMFS, USF&G, KPB, State Flood Plain Manager, State ADOT&PF and the City of Seward. A drawing is attached.

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