

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)**

**Grant Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough**

**Project Title:**

# Kenai Peninsula Borough - Road Improvements To Access Voznesenka And Kachemak Selo Schools

**State Funding Requested: \$ 50,000**

**House District: 33 - Q**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Complete construction on rerouting the primary access road to the communities of Kachemak Selo and Vozneseka.

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$227,500**

	<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>
Other	\$525,000	FY2007-2008				
Total	\$525,000					

*Explanation of Other Funds:*

*Other: In FY2007 VSW funds were spent working on establishing a road bed, further work will be done with the VSW project that is installed along the proposed road easement.*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Voznesekna and Kachemak Selo Schools are located at the end of East End Road with a combined student population of approximately 220 pupils. At present, the borough maintained road is very steep and is a constant concern to the safety and welfare of employees, parents, and students of Voznesenka and Kachemak Selo communities. Because the road is all the way at the end of East End Road, it does not get sanded in a timely manner when conditions are bad. Many teachers, residents, and visitors have ended up off the road trying to get to the community or have to end up parking their cars and walking. Re-routing of the road has been worked on by the community and the Village Safe Water Corporation. The goal of the community is to bring the road up to borough standards so it can be included in the borough maintained roads. The \$175,000 will be used to purchase gravel from a nearby gravel pit and build the road bed that the community has worked on up to borough standards.

**Project Timeline:**

Gravel would be purchased in the summer of 2008 and construction completed in 2009.

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

Voznesenka Village Corporation

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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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

**How has the community shown support for this project? (Volunteerism, money, resolutions, etc.)**

In the past, village members have paid for the construction and upkeep of the road. The loop road has been maintained by voluntary labor, equipment, and funds from the village. Both the communities of Voznesenka and Kachemak Selo are supportive in providing a safe road to both communities and schools.

**What steps have been taken to date to get this project going?**

Voznesenka Village Safe Water Corporation has begun the improvements on the road. Both the community of Voznesenka and Voznesenka Safe Village Water have made a collaborative effort in improving this road. The road is about 60 percent complete. However, community resources have been exhausted.

**How did the community select this project as a funding priority? (Community meeting, survey, etc.)**

There was a Capital Improvements Project meeting held on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, with both Kachemak Selo and Voznesenka community members in attendance, along with the Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor, a staff member from Representative Paul Seaton's office, and Assembly Member Millie Martin. There was a consensus among all in attendance that the road is a major safety concern.

**If you conducted a community meeting, how was it advertised?  
When and where was the meeting held?**

Voznesenka Community holds monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at Voznesenka School. These were advertised on community bullet boards. There was a Capital Improvement Project meeting held on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 held at McNeil Canyon School, it was advertised in the Homer News.

**Who attended (List specific groups such as community council, APC, general public, etc.)**

Kachemak Selo and Voznesenka community members as well as those listed attended the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Who owns the property and what is the status of the land for the project?**

The road is a Kenai Peninsula Borough right of way; however, it is not currently borough maintained.

**Who will own the project or facility?**

Upon completion of the improvement of the road, it is the communities' consent that the borough own and maintain the road.

**How will the project be constructed or accomplished?**

By the solicitation of bids.

**Who will operate and/or maintain the project or facility?**

Kenai Peninsula Borough will assume maintenance responsibility for the loop.



# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

## YEAR 2008 STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

**COMMUNITY: FRITZ CREEK, VOZNESENKA & KACHEMAK SELO**

**Funding Recipient: Voznesenka Village Corporation**

Project Name: Safe Road Access to Voznesenka and Kachemak Selo Schools **Project Priority Ranking: 1**

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Voznesenka and Kachemak Selo Schools are located at the end of East End Road with a combined student population of approximately 220 pupils. At present, the borough-maintained road is very steep and is a constant concern to the safety and welfare of employees, parents, and students of Voznesenka and Kachemak Selo communities. The community of Voznesenka is in agreement in requesting the borough change their maintenance responsibilities of the road loop through the community of Voznesenka. By making the Voznesenka loop a borough-maintained right of way, some road improvements would be required. At present, the road has been worked on by the Voznesenka Safe Village Water Corporation. However, before the project was completed, funds were discontinued. The loop is presently about 60 percent complete. We are requesting additional funds to complete this project to provide safe driving conditions for both Voznesenka and Kachemak Selo communities as well as Kenai Peninsula Borough School District employees who travel to both schools on a daily basis regardless of the weather.

**Funding Requested: \$175,000**  
Total Project Cost: \$175,000

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Legislative Aide  
Katie Shows  
Rep. Paul Seaton  
Re: Voznesenka Road Upgrade

03/29/08

Dear Katie,

This letter is to follow up our telephone conversation of 03/28/08.

We will be installing 3350' of water main with firehydrants and services, in the undeveloped right-of-way of Voznesenka Road.

We will be spending \$300,000.00 + on this portion of the project.

Contained in this sum, is funds for repair of damages to the existing access, which is mostly not in the right-of-way, and is of very poor quality.

These funds could be used to shape subgrade in the right-of-way, in conjunction with our water main installation.

There has been on site sand purchased by the project for use on Voznesenka Road by my predecessor.

This sand could also be placed during project clean up, to form a base for road within Voznesenka Road right-of-way, which would exhaust repair funds in our budget.

This has lead to the discussion between myself, Kenai Peninsula Borough Roads Director, Gary Davis, the office of Borough Mayor, and your office.

I am aware that there has been a request on the Borough "wish list", for funds to upgrade Voznesenka Road.

My intent with this effort is to combine resources, to accomplish the wishes of all concerned, water distribution, fire protection, and a safe useable road for community and school.

My estimate is that it would take \$50,000.00 in additional funds to purchase gravel to cap the sand base road.

A combined effort of the Water Project and its equipment and labor, with the help of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, and \$50,000.00 funding from the Legislature, could accomplish this task, saving a huge sum of money for all concerned.

Benefits of this approach are as follows:

1. This effort can be accomplished in the upcoming construction season.
2. Safe road for School and Village.
3. Usable access to fire protection, being installed with Water Project.
4. Major cost savings.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.



Richard "Dickie" Gregoire, superintendent  
Voznesenka Water & Sewer Project