

Agency: Department of Transportation/Public Facilities

Project Title:

Ketchikan: Harriet Hunt Lake to Shelter Cove, Road Construction

State Funding Requested: \$ 10,000,000
 Future Funding May Be Requested

House District: 1 - A

Brief Project Description:

Appropriation would fund construction of a new single lane, rock and gravel road between Harriet Hunt Lake and Shelter Cove Road. The new road would connect with two existing road systems on Revilla Island in Ketchikan.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$20,000,000

	<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>
Other					\$10,000,000	2010
Total					\$10,000,000	

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Appropriation would fund construction of a new single-lane, gravel road with inter-visible turn-outs. If funding is adequate, the low-volume road would extend from the end of Revilla Road at Harriet Hunt Lake all the way to the Shelter Cove road system administered by the Forest Service. Length of 8.3 miles unless alignment changes are required as part of the permitting process. The new road will provide public access to Shelter Cove and forest resources accessed by the contiguous national forest road system.

The road would link with two existing low-standard roads and provide access to state, federal and private lands in the Ketchikan area. The proposed road standard would be a 14 foot wide, single lane, gravel and rock surfaced road with turnouts. The Forest Service has recently reconditioned and resurfaced timber access roads and it is anticipated they would accept the long-term maintenance of the portion of the road crossing federal land.

The community would realize significant long term economic, subsistence and recreational benefits provided by the connection.

Project Timeline:

FY 09-10

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

DOT & PF

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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



THE COMMUNITY OF KETCHIKAN



Revillagigedo Island Road Access Harriet Hunt Lake to Shelter Cove Road Connection

FUNDING REQUEST
\$20,000,000

PROJECT SUMMARY:

This 10 mile road connection is presently in the Roads to Resources program of the Alaska Department of Transportation and scheduled to be funded out of the General Fund. This project would link the two existing road systems on Revillagigedo Island, providing Ketchikan residents and visitors access to state, federal and private lands and a Forest Service road system that terminates at Shelter Cove in Carroll Inlet. The community and the borough would realize significant long term economic, subsistence and recreational benefits from this connection. See the enclosed map.

PROJECT HISTORY:

In 2001, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly passed resolution 1363, which supported this project. They submitted a Forest Highway Proposal application at that time. Unfortunately, the proposed road standard was too costly. Also, portions of the road location would require a right-of-way from Cape Fox Corporation and they were not supportive.

In 2006, Mental Health Trust sold timber from the Leask Lakes parcel near at the head of George Inlet to Alcan Timber Company. They have constructed low standard roads to remove this timber, resulting in additional road segments available for reconstruction and use in this project.

During the Murkowski administration, this road connection was added to the Roads to Resources program and scheduled to be funded out of ADOT's General Fund. It is still in this program, and in summer of 2007, aerial photography and low level radar were flown along the proposed location. Early discussions on rights of way were also initiated.

In 2007, the Forest Service reconditioned and resurfaced the road segments on their ownership that would link this completed road system.

PROJECT PROPOSAL:

- This road connection is proposed to be retained and funded in the Roads to Resources program by the Palin administration.
- The proposed road standard is a 14 foot wide single lane road with turnouts. It would be surfaced with rock and gravel.
- ADOT is proposed to accept the road maintenance of this new road until it reaches the Forest Service boundary. The Forest Service would accept the long term maintenance of the portion of the road on federal lands.

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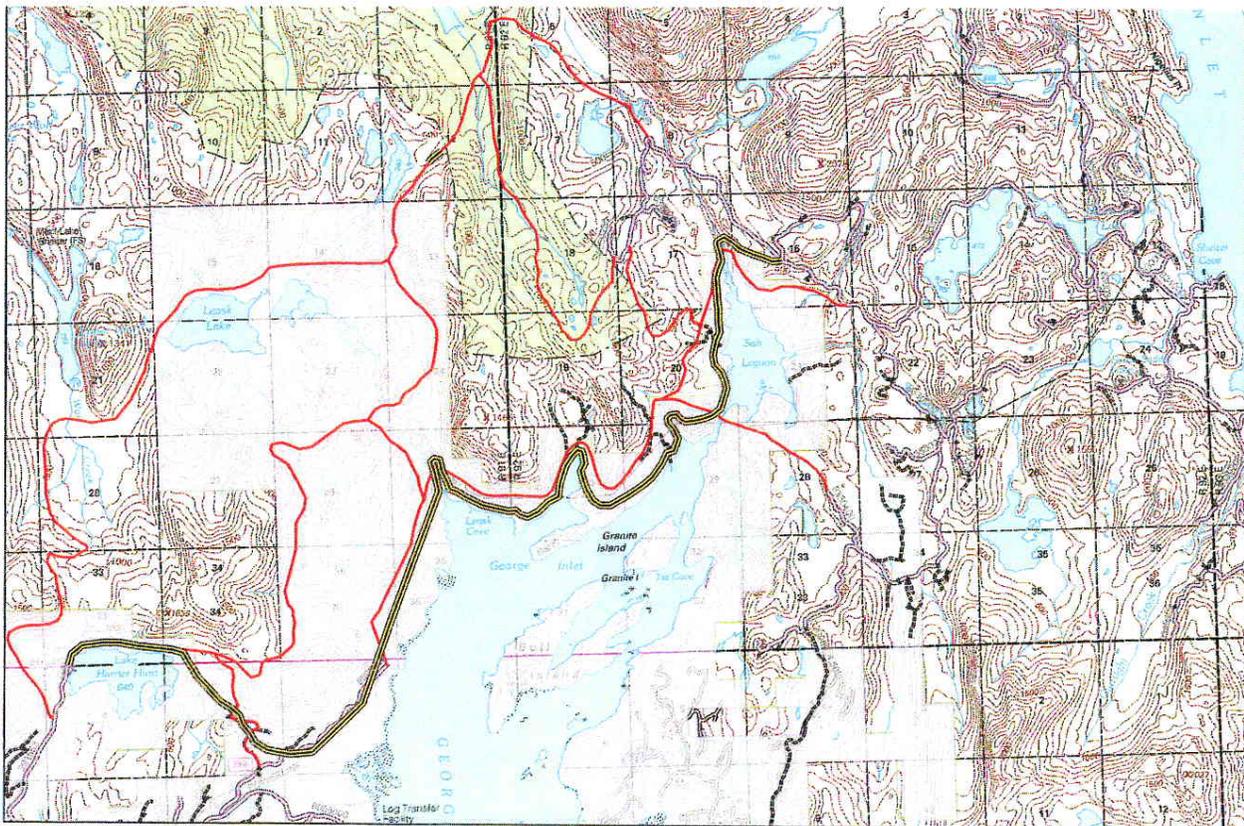
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The CEO for Cape Fox Corporation has recently written a letter of support for this road connection and agrees to provide a public road right-of-way through their private lands.

Project Benefits

The economic benefits include new road access to private, state and Forest Service lands. This access would encourage development on existing and proposed private land lots. It would also reduce the cost to harvest forest products by the local family owned timber companies. Ketchikan residents would have readily available access to firewood and special forest products such as cedar poles. This new access could provide opportunities for local businesses to develop shore excursions for cruise ship passengers. Ketchikan residents could enjoy a long Sunday afternoon drive on a new road system.

It would be difficult to list all the subsistence and recreational benefits from this road connection. There would be many new areas for deer hunting and berry picking. Winter and summer activities would include new opportunities for hiking, camping, fishing and many others.



Potential Road Connections
George and Carroll Inlets
NFS Road Systems

0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8
Miles



Legend

- Road 2262
- Private Road Connections
- City Roads
- NPS/FWS Roads
- State Roads
- State Roads
- Private Lands

1 inch equals 0.5 miles

