

**Glenn Highway: Gambell Street to McCarrey Street
Reconstruction**

**FY2008 Request: \$4,000,000
Reference No: AMD 39086**

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Construction

Category: Transportation

Location: Anchorage Area-wide

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Estimated Project Dates: 04/13/2008 - 06/30/2013

Appropriation: Surface Transportation Program

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This is a new FY2008 Supplemental Capital Budget request. Widen the existing four-lane section of the Glenn Highway / East 5th Avenue to six lanes from Karluk Street to where the Glenn Highway widens to six lanes near McCarrey Street. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.

Funding:	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$4,000,000						\$4,000,000
Total:	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000,000

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
9% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2008 - \$11,000,000; FY2005 - \$19,820,000.

Project Description/Justification:

The project's purpose is to relieve traffic congestion on the 5th/6th Avenue Couplet and the Glenn Highway by eliminating the existing "bottleneck" that constricts traffic flow to and from downtown Anchorage. This segment of roadway is currently operating near capacity and experiencing numerous accidents. The additional lanes will promote more efficient traffic flow, create safer driving conditions, and improve air quality through more efficient operation.

Construction bids for this project were opened on March 19th, and the low bid was 26% higher than the last engineer's estimate. This increase is due primarily to increased costs on oil dependent items such as asphalt paving and earth moving. The additional authority is needed to award the low bid contract and fully fund the utility relocation agreements.