

Steese Highway / Johansen Expressway Area Traffic Improvements

FY2009 Request: \$15,000,000
Reference No: 45628

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Construction

Category: Transportation

Location: Fairbanks Areawide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2013

Appropriation: General Obligation Bonds

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Construct intersection, access and pedestrian improvements to relieve congestion and improve traffic safety in the vicinity of the rapidly developing commercial area in Northeast Fairbanks in the vicinity of the Steese Expressway and the Johansen Expressway. 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:	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	Total
G/O Bonds	\$15,000,000						\$15,000,000
Total:	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input 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:

Project Description/Justification:

This project includes intersection improvements, turn lanes, signing and signal improvements, pedestrian facilities, and drainage improvements. Focus will be on the Old Steese Highway and its connectors to the Steese Expressway and the Johansen Expressway. An additional railroad crossing will be pursued to reduce congestion at current intersections.

Commercial development in the area between College Road, the Steese Expressway and the Johansen Expressway is increasing faster than the existing road system can accommodate. Traffic congestion and safety is an increasing concern. A significant amount of vacant commercial property is available for continued development. New residential development is also occurring in the area. These improvements will improve traffic flow and pedestrian access.