

**Anchorage: Connect Anchorage Project (Dowling Road - Old Seward Highway to Minnesota Drive)**      **FY2009 Request: \$22,100,000**  
**Reference No: 45631**

**AP/AL:** Allocation      **Project Type:** Construction  
**Category:** Transportation  
**Location:** Anchorage Area-wide      **Contact:** Frank Richards  
**House District:** Anchorage Area-wide (HD 17-32)      **Contact Phone:** (907)465-3900  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2013  
**Appropriation:** General Obligation Bonds

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Project will establish a major, new east-west roadway link from the Old Seward Highway to Minnesota Drive in the area south of Tudor road. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.

<b>Funding:</b>	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	Total
G/O Bonds	\$22,100,000						\$22,100,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$22,100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$22,100,000

<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
One-Time Startup:	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

**Project Description/Justification:**

The purpose of the project is to relieve traffic congestion on nearby arterial roads and improve access to Anchorage International Airport. The proposed extension will provide east/west traffic flow, reduce traffic on Tudor Road and help to implement the goal of developing a more connected roadway pattern as identified in the Anchorage Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The LRTP has identified this project as one of the top three projects to complete and anticipates the roadway will be a minimum of four lanes wide. The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, in cooperation with the Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS), has identified the need to construct roadway connectivity and accessibility improvements in the West Dowling Road Connection Project area. The arterial network in the project area is poor. The lack of continuous roadway limits accessibility and mobility within and through the project area.

The identified needs of the project include the following:

- Provide additional east-west connectivity to north-south arterials such as Old Seward Highway, C Street, Arctic Boulevard, and Minnesota Drive.
- Reduce congestion on surrounding arterials, including Dimond Boulevard, Tudor Road, and C Street.
- Distribute north-south trips to and from residential areas such as the Taku/Campbell community and employment areas in Midtown and the University-Medical District.

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- Improve accessibility to neighborhoods like Taku/Campbell and Sand Lake, and other land uses in the project area.
- Provide improved connectivity and mobility for trips traveling through the project area.
- Improve convenience, mobility, and efficiency for freight and emergency service providers.