

Parks Highway Weight Restrictions

FY2009 Request: \$2,000,000

Reference No: 42935

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Construction

Category: Transportation

Location: Statewide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2008 - 09/30/2010

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

To support 100% legal loads year round, the department must upgrade approximately 50 miles of the Parks Highway. These areas need embankment reconstruction and repaving. This request will be used to start design efforts for individual projects from Milepost 241-262. 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
Gen Fund	\$2,000,000						\$2,000,000
Total:	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" 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>	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

None.

Project Description/Justification:

Every spring for approximately six weeks, the department places weight restriction on the Parks Highway that limits the loads that commercial trucks carry to 85% of the maximum legal load limits. Weight restrictions are placed on highways that cannot adequately support legal loads without causing damage to the road surface or underlying embankment. These restrictions reduce the amount of freight that the trucks can carry and subsequently reduce the revenue to the trucking companies by about \$500-\$1,000 per trip. To meet the legal weights the freight and trucking companies must also break down their loads into smaller units. This additional handling of freight ultimately costs the consumer additional expense.

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