

**Parks Highway: Milepost 72 to 83 Rehabilitation****FY2009 Request: \$6,800,000****Reference No: 47696****AP/AL:** Allocation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Matanuska Susitna Borough**Contact:** Frank Richards**House District:** Matsu Areawide (HD 13-16)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-3900**Estimated Project Dates:** 03/01/2009 - 06/30/2014**Appropriation:** Highway and Bridge Stimulus Projects**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Rehabilitate the Parks Highway, from MP 72 to 83, between Willow Creek and the Kashwitna River. Improvements include widening the embankments for 8-foot shoulders; rehabilitate the pavement; add a total of seven miles of alternating north and south bound passing lanes; and construct paved roadside pull outs at Kashwitna Lake and Grey's Creek. 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>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>Total</u>
Federal ES	\$6,800,000						\$6,800,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,800,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,800,000</b>

<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:**

None.

**Project Description/Justification:**

The existing roadway is two lanes with four-foot shoulders, deteriorated pavement, has no passing lanes, and has underlying structural embankment deficiencies that require seasonal weight restrictions. The project will rehabilitate the pavement, widen the shoulders to eight feet (consistent with Alaska's standard for the National Highway System), reconstruct the problematic structural sections, and construct seven miles of passing lanes. The improvements will better accommodate oversize, overweight loads and slow moving traffic associated with gas line construction.

This project meets the prioritization criteria of safety, serves an economically distressed area, provides logistics benefits for the gas pipeline development, leverages other funds (GO Bonds), and can turn dirt in 2009. Advertising of this project is estimated to take place in March, 2009.