

Ketchikan: Water Street Sidewalk Improvements**FY2009 Request: \$2,500,000****Reference No: 48313****AP/AL:** Allocation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Ketchikan**Contact:** Frank Richards**House District:** Ketchikan (HD 1)**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:**

Widen and modify existing sidewalks from Chapmen Street to the existing Viaduct Tunnel to improve pedestrian capacity, safety and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. Project will include replacement sidewalks, handicap access ramps, bulb-outs, and related safety improvements. Project does not include work within the Viaduct Tunnel itself. 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: | <u>FY2009</u> | <u>FY2010</u> | <u>FY2011</u> | <u>FY2012</u> | <u>FY2013</u> | <u>FY2014</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Federal ES | \$2,500,000 | | | | | | \$2,500,000 |
| Total: | \$2,500,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$2,500,000 |

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| <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> |
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| Project Development: | 0 | 0 |
| Ongoing Operating: | 0 | 0 |
| One-Time Startup: | 0 | 0 |
| Totals: | 0 | 0 |

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

None.

Project Description/Justification:

The project presents the opportunity to provide job stimulus and to resolve long standing safety issues for pedestrian and vehicle traffic. The adjacent Ketchikan waterfront area has experienced a massive increase in pedestrian traffic in recent years resulting from the growing Alaskan tour ship industry. It is the first major Alaskan port stop for northbound cruise ships, which frequently off-load 10,000 or more pedestrians at a time when multiple ships are in port. The existing sidewalks are unable to handle pedestrian demand because they are narrow, are not ADA compliant, and are badly damaged (more than 50 years old). These conditions, combined with peak vehicle traffic over 18,000 vehicles on the roadway, present multiple safety concerns for both pedestrian and vehicle users and construction of the project will result in long-term safety improvements to this unusually high traffic environment.

This project meets the prioritization criteria of safety and leverages other funds. Advertising of this project is estimated to take place in September, 2009.