

**Safe Roadsides with Integrated Vegetation Management****FY2010 Request:****\$500,000****Reference No:****39909****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Life / Health / Safety**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Frank Richards**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-3900**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2009 - 06/30/2011**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

A statewide Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) plan is being drafted to identify the best combination of management techniques to cost effectively address brush control and noxious weed infestations. An inventory of our roadsides is needed to support a permit application for weed control. 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>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$500,000						\$500,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000

<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	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

None.

**Project Description/Justification:**

To effectively control our roadsides will require a combination of mechanical cutting, hand clearing and herbicide application. The department currently cuts about 25% of our roadsides on an annual basis. A statewide IVM plan is being drafted to identify the best combination of management techniques to cost effectively address brush control and noxious weed infestations. An inventory of our roadsides is needed to support a permit application for weed control. This inventory will identify the terrain types (mower accessible, brush cutter accessible or inaccessible), primary vegetation, areas of noxious weeds in the right-of-way and identify all adjacent water bodies. This information will be extremely important for submission of the weed control permit as it was mandatory for the recent Alaska Railroad permit application. The department does not have the equipment nor the expertise to currently perform this effort, so a contractor will need to be hired for this effort.