

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:****Project Type:** New Construction and Land Acquisition

# Anchorage - Independence Drive Upgrade & Extension

**State Funding Requested: \$1,600,000**  
One-Time Need**House District:** Anchorage Areawide (17-32)**Brief Project Description:**

This project will upgrade and extend the road to urban collector standards. Funding is proposed as a 50/50 partnership of state grants and local road bonds. This project is #2 on the Anchorage "High Priority Transportation Project" list.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$3,200,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Local Funds	\$500,000	2007-2008	\$1,100,000	2010		
Total	\$500,000		\$1,100,000			

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Improvements are expected to include pavement, curbs, storm drains, street lighting, pedestrian facilities, landscaping, and a right-turn-in/right-turn-out intersection at O'Malley Road. Water and sewer extensions will be included with the project scope but are to be funded separately through AWWU. The 2010 request and local match are expected to fully fund the project for construction in 2010. This road is designated as a collector street in the OS&HP (Official Streets and Highways Plan). This project will improve traffic circulation and access for the Independence Park area. Independence Drive runs through a high-density residential area. Traffic going south from this area currently uses Jamestown/Commodore Drives, which were not constructed to handle the traffic volumes that use them. Safety is a neighborhood concern. This project is the No. 1 priority for the Abbott Loop Community Council.

**Project Timeline:**

Design is underway. Construction expenditures are expected to occur in 2010.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Municipality of Anchorage

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Total Project Snapshot Report

FY 2011 Capital Budget

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No