

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Association of Village Council Presidents****Federal Tax ID: 920064285****Project Title:****Project Type: Planning and Research**

Association of Village Council Presidents - Paimute-Kalskag Transportation Corridor

State Funding Requested: \$460,000**House District: 38 / S**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Funds will further planning for potential future transportation corridor between Paimute and Kalskag.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$460,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$460,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

For decades, Alaskans have been examining the need and possibilities for a road connecting Paimute and Kalskag, in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta area. Over the years, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Denali Commission, and Federal Highway Administration research and resources have explored and furthered the long-term project. As Denali Commission table work to understand routing nears completion, the \$460,000.00 contained in this appropriation will be used to take the next steps - which may include aerial reconnaissance photography between Kalskag and the Yukon River, ground proofing, a cost/benefit analysis, and other necessary actions.

When realized, an effective ground transportation corridor between Paimute and Kalskag will greatly improve the entire Y-K region's economic potential, as well as its health, food, and fuel security. In addition, freight haul potential out of Tanana promises benefit for the Railbelt, and connection to more of the State's natural resources holds promise for all Alaskans. This appropriation will not result in immediate construction, but will move this vital exploration forward toward a point at which it may be possible.

Project Timeline:

Expenditure activities will commence upon receipt of funds.

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

N/A

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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

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