Parks Highway - Milepost 43.5 to 52.3 Reconstruction - Lucas Road to Big Lake Cutoff

FY2014 Request: $29,000,000
Reference No: 49144

AP/AL: Allocation
Category: Transportation
Location: Matanuska Susitna Borough
Impact House District: Matsu Areawide (HD 7-11)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2020
Appropriation: Surface Transportation Program

Project Type: Construction
House District: Matsu Areawide (HD 7-11)
Contact: Pat Kemp
Contact Phone: (907)465-3900

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:
Widen Parks Highway to four lanes with attendant traffic and safety improvements between Wasilla and the Big Lake Cutoff.

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State Match Required
One-Time Project
Phased - new
Phased - underway
On-Going
Amendment
Mental Health Bill

0% = Minimum State Match % Required

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Prior Funding History / Additional Information:
Sec7 Ch43 SLA2010 P49 L29 SB230 $7,000,000

Project Description/Justification:
This project proposes to improve 8.3 miles of the Parks Highway from Lucus Road in Wasilla through the Meadow Lakes area to the Big Lake Road junction in Houston. The project covers a top-five ranked fatal and major injury safety corridor on a segment of highway where traffic volumes are projected to more than double by the year 2030. In the period between 1977 and 2005, a total of 1,759 crashes occurred on this section of highway, with 33 fatal crashes resulting in 36 fatalities. More than 60% of the fatal crashes were head-on collisions. This project’s purpose is twofold: to improve this serious safety problem and to increase roadway capacity to accommodate projected traffic. The project is entirely within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, the fastest growing area of Alaska, and this busy route is the primary link for commerce and tourism between Anchorage and interior Alaska.