

New Seward Highway - 36th South 6-Lane**FY2009 Request: \$13,500,000**
Reference No: 45438**AP/AL:** Allocation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Anchorage Areawide**Contact:** Frank Richards**House District:** Anchorage Areawide (HD 17-32) **Contact Phone:** (907)465-3900**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2013**Appropriation:** Connect Anchorage**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Project will provide design, right-of-way, permitting, and begin construction for an additional lane each direction starting at 36th Avenue and continuing south towards Dowling Road. 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:	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	Total
Gen Fund	\$13,500,000	\$11,500,000					\$25,000,000
Total:	\$13,500,000	\$11,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" 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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

None.

Project Description/Justification:

The New Seward Highway is the main north-south corridor and is a critical link in Anchorage's transportation system. As the only roadway out of Anchorage to the south this portion of the National Highway System also becomes congested with tourist and recreational traffic during the summer months. The central and southern portions of the Anchorage Bowl have experienced significant growth in recent years, a trend that is expected to continue to increase traffic volumes along the corridor.

This 4-lane controlled access freeway has an average daily traffic count ranging from 20,000 - 60,000 vehicles. During morning peak travel times traffic volumes increase and the pace slows, often spilling over to the frontage roads as travelers make their way to and from midtown and downtown Anchorage employment centers. The Dowling Road exit ramp often backs up onto the freeway during the evening peak hours, creating unsafe conditions to travelers. The constant stop-and-start traffic flow that is common during the morning peak period of congestion is a situation that may contribute to the likelihood of traffic accidents.