

Homer: Homer Spit Pathway

FY2010 Request: \$2,000,000
Reference No: 47743

AP/AL: Allocation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Homer**Contact:** Frank Richards**House District:** Homer/Seward (HD 35)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-3900**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2009 - 06/30/2014**Appropriation:** Cruise Ship-Related Projects**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Completion of the Homer Spit Walkway Terminus at the Ferry Terminal/Cruise Ship Dock. 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:	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	Total
CPV Tax	\$2,000,000						\$2,000,000
Total:	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000

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

FY2008 Supplemental - \$150,000 DCCED Grants to Municipalities; FY2007 Supplemental - \$65,000 DCCED Grants to Municipalities.

Project Description/Justification:

Homer's popular Spit Trail currently dead-ends at the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon. The proposed project will complete the trail with a board walkway along the southwest side of the harbor to the End of the Road Park at the tip of the Homer Spit. A short separate walkway, Coal Point Trail, will connect this trail at the Alaska Marine Highway Terminal to Coal Point Park to permit visitors to safely view commercial fishing unloading activities at the Fish Dock. When the project is completed, it will provide a non-motorized transportation route from the tip of the Spit to downtown Homer.

In addition to providing recreation opportunities, this project also serves a public safety purpose as there are few options for walking on the end of the Spit except on the road. Separate walkways will funnel pedestrians away from the heavy fish-buying and unloading operations while allowing viewing from a safe distance. Construction of the harbor pathways will also open the area to future economic growth that is compatible with overslope boardwalk development.

The City of Homer has pledged to provide 25% local match, assume maintenance and operations responsibility for the trail, and assume ownership and maintenance and operations responsibility for West Bunnell Avenue, Ohlson Lane and East Mission Road as well if the department completes the Spit Trail.