

**Nome: Glacier Creek Road New Alignment**

**FY2005 Request: \$4,300,000**

**Reference No: 38570**

**AP/AL:** Allocation

**Project Type:** Construction

**Category:** Transportation

**Location:** Nome

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2009

**Appropriation:** Surface Transportation Program

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Realign and reconstruct approximately 3 miles of Glacier Creek Road connecting to the Nome-Teller Highway near MP 6.3. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage, by improving the mobility of people and goods and by increasing private investment.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2005</b>	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>FY2007</b>	<b>FY2008</b>	<b>FY2009</b>	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fed Rcpts	\$4,300,000						\$4,300,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,300,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,300,000</b>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
9% = 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	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

FY2004 - \$2,700,000.

**Project Description/Justification:**

The construction of this project will provide for a bypass of a portion of the existing road that is difficult to safely travel, a challenge to maintain, and requires frequent major repairs to keep it open. The existing road has severe grade and alignment deficiencies and includes several dangerous switchbacks. Maintenance of the upper portion of the road is more manageable, however, the demand of the first 8 miles often preclude any further maintenance. This project will provide a maintainable road and improved access to the upper portion of the Glacier Creek Road for maintenance crews and the general public. Glacier Creek Road provides access to the upper Snake River Valley, which has a very high potential for gold and other minerals. Reports by the US Geological Survey, US Bureau of Mines, and the Department of Natural Resources Division of Geology & Geological Surveys support the high potential for mining in this area. Bering Straits Native Corporation, in conjunction with Alaska/Nova Gold are currently conducting extensive exploration work along the road. The Nome community continues to support this road project as a very high priority.