

Hyder: Salmon River Road and Trestle Rehabilitation**FY2006 Request: \$7,100,000****Reference No: 40346****AP/AL:** Allocation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Hyder**Contact:** John MacKinnon**House District:** Cordova/Southeast Islands (HD**Contact Phone:** (907)465-6973

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2010**Appropriation:** Surface Transportation Program**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Resurface Salmon River Road, from the boat harbor to the Canadian border (12 miles), including the short spur to the border; install guardrail where needed, reconstruct and widen slide areas, repair Fish Creek bridge abutments; construct turnouts at mid-way and near the end of the causeway; and upgrade existing trestle #1238 (to boat harbor) by replacing rotted piling, cross bracing, decking, and bridge rails. 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:	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$7,100,000						\$7,100,000
Total:	\$7,100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,100,000

<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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

None.

Project Description/Justification:

This allocation will construct a paved surface on the Salmon River Road. This route connects the townsite of Hyder with the Canadian highway system, the seaplane base and boat harbor. It also extends up the Salmon River valley and across the border into Canada, providing access to stunning scenery and one of the nation's premier sites for viewing bears (the Forest Service Wildlife Observation Site at Fish Creek). It is currently unpaved, which leads to high levels of dust, which is problematic in the community, for the water bottling plant and at the bear viewing area.

Existing access to the seaplane base and boat harbor involves a causeway section and a timber pile trestle over 800 feet in length, both of which cross tidelands. The causeway will be widened, potentially extended and the remaining trestle segment rehabilitated (complete replacement would be deferred unless other resources make immediate replacement possible).

Scheduling construction is dependent on the receipt of Forest Highway funding, which is not administered by the state. The Forest Highway Program has evaluated participation in the paving effort, but can not identify funding availability until Congress passes a long-term extension of federal-aid programs. The department plans to have the extension in place by the summer of 2005.

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The paving of gravel road surfaces supports the Department's mission of improving the mobility of people and goods. This state route connects the community with its link to Alaska (the seaplane base) and by road to Canada. It also links the bear viewing area with the community and the border crossing to the Canadian highway system. Bear viewing at Fish Creek attracts tens of thousands of highway travelers each year, and is more easily accessible from the Lower 48 by motor vehicle than other Alaskan sites.