

**North Slope: Foothills West Road EIS****FY2006 Request: \$4,000,000**  
**Reference No: 40420****AP/AL:** Allocation**Project Type:** Planning**Category:** Transportation**Location:** North Slope Borough**Contact:** John MacKinnon**House District:** Arctic (HD 40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-6973**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2010**Appropriation:** Governor's Transportation Access to Resources Initiative**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Complete NEPA process necessary to construct 50-mile road from Pump Station 2 on Dalton Highway westerly into area of oil and gas leases on state land.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bond Funds	\$4,000,000						\$4,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000,000

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

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:****Project Description/Justification:**

Previously proposed to be a 102 mile road from pump station 2 on the Dalton Highway west and north to Nuiqsut, this project has been refined to initially consist of a 50 mile east-west leg along the foothills of the Brooks Range, providing year-round gravel road access to numerous existing oil and gas leases on state lands.

This project is intended to develop preliminary engineering and NEPA effort for the new road to serve Foothills region west of Dalton Highway in an area of potential oil and gas development on state land. The 75-mile road is from Dalton Highway westerly and northerly toward the future Colville River crossing.

DOT&amp;PF will lead this road development effort. Federal highway money is not appropriate for this project for two key reasons: the federal-aid NEPA process is more time consuming and once federal funds are used, the road must be opened to public travel. Homeland security considerations at major oil and gas installations are incompatible with roads open to public travel.