Hyder: Causeway Reconstruction and Trestle Replacement **FY2010 Request: $2,300,000**
Reference No: 43230

AP/AL: Allocation
Project Type: Construction
Category: Transportation
Location: Hyder
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2009 - 06/30/2014
Appropriation: Surface Transportation Program

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:
Replace the deteriorated trestle connection to Harbor Island (bridge #1238) by extending the causeway and/or replacing segments of the trestle with new bridge sections. Rehabilitate the existing causeway and add intervisible turn-outs (Causeway would remain a one-lane roadway that carries two-way traffic.). Pave the travel lane and turn-outs, including the roadway connection to International Street. If needed as mitigation, add cross drainage for tidal flows. New bridge sections would be one-lane pile-supported structures that include turn-outs. Pave the turn-around area on Harbor Island, and remove and dispose of the existing trestle components.

Funding:	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	Total
Fed Rcpts	$2,300,000						$2,300,000
Total:	$2,300,000	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$2,300,000

☐ State Match Required ☐ One-Time Project ☐ Phased - new ☑ Phased - underway ☐ On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required ☐ Amendment ☐ Mental Health Bill

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	Amount	Staff
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:
FY2008 - $8,300,000.

Project Description/Justification:
The community of Hyder relies on the causeway and trestle to reach key facilities - the seaplane terminal, small boat harbor, boat launch ramp and outside float. Seaplanes provide the only scheduled service to Hyder and are the only means of public travel that does not require passage through Canadian customs. In addition, U.S. mail is carried by seaplanes. Thus, the causeway and trestle link Hyder to the nearest regional center (Ketchikan) and the rest of Alaska.

The 804 feet of trestle connecting the causeway to the seaplane terminal and harbor are in poor condition. Weight restrictions are posted and are so low that heavy equipment can no longer be used to remove snow. This pre-statehood structure has reached the end of its useful life and can no longer carry the heaviest vehicles that use the highway system. The community of Hyder and the traveling public need a new facility that employs modern materials and construction practices.

Hyder's attraction as a visitor destination continues to increase. There are plans for new facilities and

terminals that would be reached by this route. The state has already made a substantial investment in the small boat harbor, launch ramp and seaplane terminal. The upgrade of this route is needed so that it can continue to play its role in the Alaska's transportation system.