

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:****Project Type:** New Construction and Land Acquisition

# Anchorage - 40th Avenue Extension - Piper Street to Dale Street

**State Funding Requested:** \$3,000,000**House District:** Anchorage Areawide (17-32)

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

This project will upgrade a collector route, improving access and circulation in the U-Med District. This grant, together with a local match, completes construction funding for an anticipated 2010 construction start. This is the #1 transportation priority for Anchorage.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project:** \$6,000,000

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Local Funds	\$500,000	2004-2009	\$2,500,000	2010		
Total	\$500,000		\$2,500,000			

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The 40th Avenue Extension is part of the Connect Anchorage Initiative. Phase I of the extension, between Lake Otis Parkway and Piper Street has been funded with a combination of local road bonds and a state grant. This phase of the project will upgrade 40th Avenue from Piper Street to Dale Street. Improvements to this collector street include a new road base, two travel lanes, curbs, pedestrian facilities on both sides, lighting, storm drains, and landscaping.

This project is the highest priority recommendation of the Tudor Area Traffic Calming Study, that was a collaborative effort between area residents, Providence Alaska Medical Center, MOA Traffic Department, and DOWL Engineers. The 40th Avenue extension will increase connectivity through the area, relieve pressure on 42nd Avenue and decrease U-Med traffic congestion at the Tudor Road/Piper Street and Providence Drive/Piper Street intersections. It will also significantly reduce the traffic volume at the Lake Otis/Tudor intersection. This project is a priority for the University Area Community Council.

**Project Timeline:**

Final design is underway and has included substantial public involvement. If State grant funding is provided, construction is expected to start in 2010.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Municipality of Anchorage

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No