

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Ketchikan****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

Ketchikan - Cruise Ship Berth IV Traffic Signal

State Funding Requested: \$1,300,000**House District: 1 / A**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Design, construction and right-of-way acquisition for a traffic signal device adjacent to Ketchikan Cruise Ship Berth IV.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$1,300,000***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Project will fund the design, construction and right-of-way acquisition for a traffic signal device adjacent to Ketchikan Cruise Ship Berth IV. The signal will improve current vehicular and pedestrian traffic and provide a safe and efficient means for motor coaches, tour vendors, vans, cars and pedestrian entrance and exits from the Berth IV facility. Ketchikan has recently invested huge amounts of funds to sustain and grow their current tourism industry. With continued investments such as this project Ketchikan can continue to be a world-class cruise destination and attract more cruise traffic for the future. The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has agreed to accept ownership and responsibility for operating and maintaining the traffic signal upon completion of the project.

Project Timeline:

FY 2011

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

DOT&PF

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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 Ketchikan, AK 99901
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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

THE COMMUNITY OF KETCHIKAN

FISCAL YEAR 2011 STATE FUNDING REQUEST



PROJECT NAME

Ketchikan Cruise Ship Berth IV Traffic Signal

APPLICANT

City of Ketchikan (pass-through grant to Survey Point Holdings)

FUNDING REQUEST

Requested	\$1,300,000
Local Contributions	\$0
Total	\$1,300,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Transportation: This project will address important transportation needs of the community by improving motor coach, van and pedestrian access to a cruise ship moored at Berth IV and aid with the congestion of Tongass Avenue.

Infrastructure: This project will be a direct public infrastructure improvement as Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has agreed to accept ownership and responsibility for operating and maintaining the traffic signal upon completion of the project.

Public Safety: The addition of this traffic control device will improve current vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the direct vicinity of a cruise ship moored at Berth IV. This project will provide a safe and efficient means for motor coaches, tour vendors, vans, cars and pedestrian entrance and exits from the Berth IV facility.

Private Sector Tools: This project provides tools to support private sector growth and development as it will provide a direct access route to the "Newtown" area of Ketchikan which is currently developing to provide amenities to cruise ship passengers and crew. It will also aid in the feasibility of a possible retail development located adjacent to the Berth IV facility.

Investment in Future: Ketchikan has recently invested huge amounts of funds to sustain and grow their current tourism industry. With continued investments such as this project Ketchikan can continue to be a world-class cruise destination and attract more cruise traffic for the future.

Leverage Other Funds: Survey Point Holdings, Inc. will also be requesting funds from the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Commercial Passenger Vessel Fund.

Health and Welfare: This project will promote public health and welfare by providing a safe and controlled means for cruise ship passengers and tour busses to cross and enter traffic.

Ketchikan Berth IV Intersection





April 20, 2010

The Honorable Sean Parnell
Alaska State Capitol Building
Third Floor
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Parnell:

Re: FY 2011 Capital Budget - City of Ketchikan Projects

On behalf of the City of Ketchikan, I wish to take this opportunity to stress the critical nature of the infrastructure projects included in the FY 2011 Capital Budget for the City of Ketchikan.

As you know, the past several years have seen substantial decline in both timber and tourism industry dollars coming into the City of Ketchikan. These declines have severely impacted our ability to deal with the continuing major infrastructure improvement needs that the City of Ketchikan is experiencing. Although we have incurred debt for many major capital improvement projects, there simply is too much for one municipality to shoulder without assistance.

Again, I wish to stress the critical importance of all of these projects to the City of Ketchikan and urge you for your continued support. These projects truly are of utmost importance to the City of Ketchikan.

In closing, the City Council and I look forward to working with your office in the future to address matters of importance both to Ketchikan and the State of Alaska.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lew Williams, III
Mayor

cc: City Councilmembers
Karen Rehfeld, OMB Director
Randy Ruaro, Deputy Chief of Staff
Ray Matiashowski