

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Project Title:

Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Knik River Road Reconstruction

State Funding Requested: \$2,100,000
One-Time Need

House District: Mat-Su Areawide (13-16)

Brief Project Description:

Reconstruct portion of Knik River Road between Mile Post 9.8 to Mile Post 11.2.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$2,100,000
There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This project would consist of Design, Right-of-Way, and Construction of the segment of Knik River Road between Mile Post 9.8 and Mile Post 11.2, including grade reduction, curvature, pull-outs, and paving/chipsealing.

Project Timeline:

FY 2011-2012

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

Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: Neal Henslee
Address: AKDOT/PF Inner Springer Road
Palmer, AK 99645
Phone Number: (907)745-2136
Email: neal.henslee@alaska.gov

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

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:
**\$2,100,000
Approved**
5:57 PM 5/4/2010



**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
Six-Year Capital Improvement Program
FY 2011 - FY 2016
PROJECT NOMINATION FORM**

Sponsor's Priority <hr/>
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Sept. 29, 2009

Scenic Turnout South Knik River Rd. (New Project)

Name of Project <u>Knik River Rd Improvements (Re-submit)</u>	<i>(Check one)</i> New Project: <input type="checkbox"/> Resubmitted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sponsor: <u>South Knik River Community Council</u>	Contact Person: <u>Barney Eberhardt 746-1361</u>
Address: <u>8271 S. Ben Hur Rd.</u>	Phone Number: <u>or John Nystrom 907-244-5494</u>
<u>Palmer, Alaska 99645</u>	Fax Number: _____
	E-mail: _____

Location Information:

- **Location (in writing), attach a map with an arrow showing the location. Include reference points such as Parks or Glenn Highway, lakes or other well known landmarks. Provide a copy of an aerial photo of the project site if available. If a road, what is the beginning and end of the project?**

Phase II Knik River Rd upgrade mile 9.8 - 11.2 Nomination 1
Scenic (SAFE) pull out NEAR mile 7 Nomination 2

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- **Brief Description of the project: *What is your project? Please describe it. For instance, if it is a road or a trail, how long/wide will it be? Are parts of the project already constructed? Does what you have now need replacement, rehabilitation, or reconstruction?***

Re submittal of (So.) Knik River Rd. improvements, to mile 9.8 thru 11.2
Reduction of grade, curvature and paving. Approx mile 1.5 and Scenic (SAFE) pullout NEAR mile 7 Approx 1/4 in size
Design - pending

Basic Questions 1- 5:

- 1. What affects will this project have on safety? (What is the safety problem and how will the project solve it?)**

Currently the last 1.5 miles of Knik River Rd does not meet school bus standards due to unsafe grades (12%) and curves.
Mile 7 pullout for scenic glacier view is important to lessen road hazard and traffic congestion

- 2. What affects will this project have on access, health and quality of life (air and water quality, enhanced recreational opportunities)? Who will use this project and how will it help them?**

Significant Summer dust abatement. Will benefit local residents and commercial tourist operation

Major considerations for nominations 1 and 2

3. **Is there evidence of public support for this project? Do you have a resolution, minutes, or letters of support from a local elected body, Community Council, etc? If so, please attach.**

The South Knik River Community Council has rated these projects highest priority for the last 10 years

4. **Will this project provide economic benefits to the community? If so, please explain.**

Over one million dollars of private monies being invested in Knik River lodge at the end of the road. The proposed road improvement will allow rental cars and buses to travel the entire road. This is very important to the tourist business and other related support enterprises which are anticipated.

5. **Is there a public owner of the land for this project? For example, does DOT, any other State agency, the borough or a city own the right-of way or acreage for this project?**

The state already has sufficient right of way for nominations 1 and 2

6. **What is the estimated acreage or right-of-way needed?**

see above

7. **Is the project identified in an adopted plan/program? (such as a comprehensive plan or transportation plan)**

Creation of comprehensive plan is just now getting underway.

This has been recognized as ~~Phase II of the Knik River Rd upgrade~~ Phase I was completed 1999.

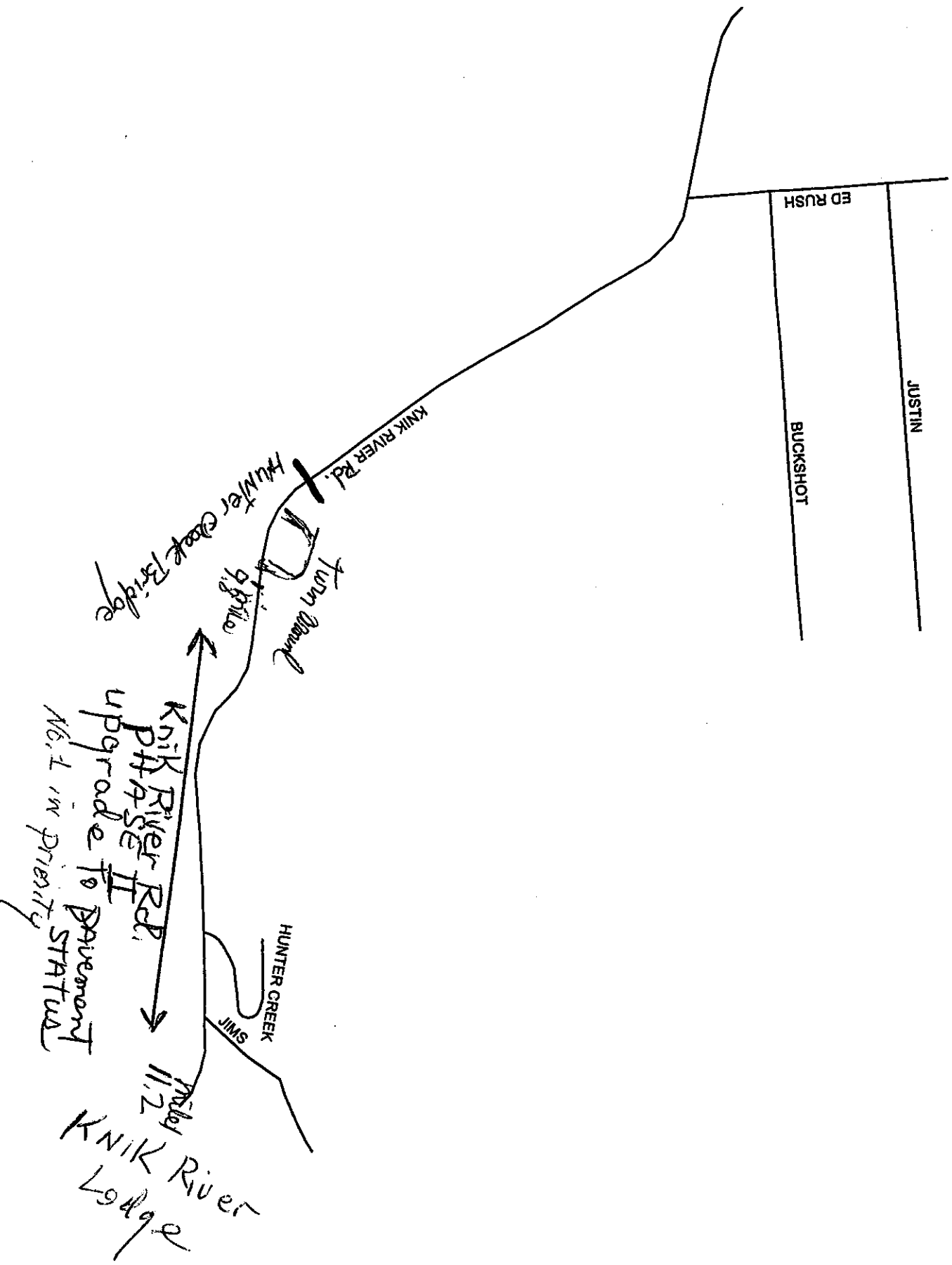
8. Please provide an estimated time schedule for completion of the project if funding is received.
 Would anticipate a time frame of engineering and design of nominations 1 and 2 thru 2010
 and construction 2010-2012

+Attach additional pages if necessary. Will provide immediately upon request
 Including a photo, a map, or diagram would be helpful in understanding and evaluating the Project.

MSB Staff to complete items 7. & 8.	
7. Breakdown of costs (to nearest thousand)	8. Anticipated source of funding? <i>Check all that apply :</i>
Land and rights-of way \$ _____	Current revenue _____
Engineering & design \$ _____	State or federal grant _____
Construction \$ _____	Special fund(Name) _____
Furniture & equipment \$ _____	Other _____
Other (legal, admin, etc.) \$ _____	
EST. TOTAL \$ _____	To be calculated

Awaiting engineering, design and construction estimates from DOT on both nominations 1 and 2.

Questions and or info on this preparation may be forwarded by calling
 B. Eberhardt 746-1361 - So. Comm Council Member
 J. Nystrom 907-244-5494 - So. Comm Council Member
 Resubmitted ~~09~~-29-09



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JUSTIN

November 2009
Palmer, Alaska

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Name	Phone #	Address	Position
1 Barney Eberhardt	746-1361	Box 6502 Palmer	Area Resident
2 Curtis R. D'Abey	745 0424	P.O. Box 2998 Alaska	Community Resident
3 John W. Nystrom	746-1744	27638 EQ. Knik Rd	Original Area Homeowner Landscaper
4 Marcus G. Barber	252 1163	16834/2 Knik Rd	Resident
5 Gary Erickson	746 3782	P.O. Box 5751 Palmer, AK	Community Resident
6 John Veik	746-3664	P.O. Box 3603 Palmer	Community Resident
7 JESUS JAZO	715 6334	14051 E. OUTER SPRINGER LOOP Palmer	AREA RESIDENT
8 Ed WINTER	745-6690	P.O. Box 1893 Palmer, AK	Community Resident
9 Paul E KANKEL	Box 539	Palmer AK	99691 -
10 Jerry Rowland	745 4434	16050 HARTIG DR. Palmer AK	99645
11 Jim Patterson	745-4460	13215 Banana St. Palmer AK	99645
12 Jay Williams	354-7862	11661 South Rd	99645
13 Emil Jondalun	- 2329055	Box 338 Palmer AK	99645
14 Joe Collins	745 8874	4650 N. Slumber Dr. Palmer AK	99645
15 James Rowland	745-7595	2028 Palmer	Palmer AK (Resident)

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Name	Phone #	Address	Position
1 Peter Schadee	745-5502	2997g E. Knik River Rd	Resident
2 Donald Henry	745-6578	P.O. Box 4960 Palmer AK	Resident
3 Megan Glover	745-2315	251028 E. Buckshot Palmer AK	Resident
4 Anne Sisworth	745-2315	251028 E. Buckshot Palmer AK	Resident
5 Erin Pilygon	745-3478	2589g E. Belton	Retiree the Resident
6 TJ Pilygon	745-7478	2589g E. Belton	Palmer, the Resident
7 Margorie Bellinger	745-2531	25855 Buckshot Palmer	Resident
8 Jim Freling	745-2531	25655 Buckshot Palmer	Resident
9 Thomas Fausell	745-1517	26326 Buckshot AK	Resident
10 Miryann Defriest	745-4614	251028 E. Buckshot Palmer AK	Resident
11 Genny Defriest	745-4614	251028 E. Buckshot Palmer AK	Res.
12 Aelyne Schadee	745-5502	2997g E. Knik River Rd Palmer	Resident.
13 Dana Dewitt	745-1186	23255 Knik River Rd Palmer	Resident
14 USA Dewitt	745-1186	23255 Knik River Rd Palmer	Resident
15 Hope Hagenry	745-5502	2997g E. Knik River Rd Palmer	Employee

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 PALMER AK 99645

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Name	Phone #	Address	Position
1 Marten Jurgens	755-5002	2999g Knik River Rd Palmer	Businessman
2 Yvonne Jurgens	"	"	"
3 Jan Burbach	"	"	"
4 Will Burbach	"	"	"
5 Frits Spadam	"	"	"
6 Harry Hauthuisen	"	"	"
7 Rika Hauthuisen	"	"	"
8 Claudia Waddis	248-7256	3420 West 31st Avenue Anchorage	Frequent Visitor
9 Jonathan Widdis	248-7256	3420 West 31st Avenue Anchorage	Frequent Visitor
10 Frankie Teggsma	by 9662	Eagle River	Frequent Visitor
11 Wendell Teggsma	"	"	Frequent Visitor
12 Jose Aquilare	727-2003	10416 West 26th Avenue Anchorage	Frequent Visitor
13 Brandi Bishop	892-2569	Big Lake	Frequent Visitor
14 Sylvia Kithelman	"	"	Visitor
15 Burt Thesen	745-2342	3150 South Butte Road Palmer	Giftiters
16 Beth Thesen			

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* THESE ARE BEING EXCURSIONS IN THE KNIK RIVER RD

Knik River Lodge



Date: 11/9/09

To whom it may concern:

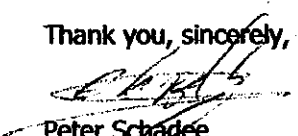
We strongly support the upgrading and paving of the last portion of Knik River Road.

Knik River Lodge is the largest employer in the area, located at the very end (mile 11.2) of this road. Pavement would benefit us, our suppliers, our staff and, most importantly, our guests. Pavement will increase comfort and safety, help reduce dust problems, and allow the school busses to reach the people in the Hunter Creek subdivision and along the last 2 miles of the road. Our community council has repeatedly voted this to be the number 1 priority in the C.I.P. and given the fact that the first 9.5 miles were paved more than 10 years ago we respectfully ask to consider what we feel to be a reasonable request. Pavement will definitely stimulate small businesses in the area, providing jobs for locals.

Here is a list of suppliers who make regular trips out to our property and who would also benefit from a paved road to our property:

- Specialty Import (liquor supplier)
- Amerigas (propane supplier)
- Polar Pumper Septic Service
- Alpine Portable Restrooms
- Top Fuel (heating oil supplier)
- Sysco Food Services of Alaska (restaurant supplier)

Thank you, sincerely,



Peter Schadee

General Manager / co-owner and resident of Knik River Road

Knik River Lodge LLC
29979 Knik River Road
Knik Glacier, Palmer
AK 99645

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Jody Simpson

From: Kemplen, Allen (DOT) [allen.kemplen@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2009 4:09 PM
To: Jody Simpson
Subject: FW: Knik River Road MP 9.8 to 11.2 - Legislative Request

Jody,

Wanted to get back to you. Have not gotten a firm cost estimate yet, however the Department typically uses \$1.5 million per mile as a preliminary number for this type of work. A rough cost estimate for reconstruction of this road segment would be \$2.1 million.

This number would be firmed up given more time. If I do hear back from the Preliminary Design folks with a more definite cost estimate, I will shoot it to you.

Allen

From: Henslee, Neal W (DOT)
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2009 10:27 AM
To: Kemplen, Allen (DOT)
Subject: RE: Knik River Road MP 9.8 to 11.2 - Legislative Request

Allen,

My personal opinion is a complete rebuild. Rehabilitation still would require major dig outs to stabilize a chip seal surface.

Neal

From: Kemplen, Allen (DOT)
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2009 3:46 PM
To: Henslee, Neal W (DOT)
Cc: Post, David E (DOT)
Subject: FW: Knik River Road MP 9.8 to 11.2 - Legislative Request

Hello Neal,

What do you know of this road? Would chip-seal make things better and address the needs of the local Community Council?

There are a couple of different ways to proceed as I see it. One way would be to outline a formal capital project including Design, Right-of-Way and Construction. This would likely be a multi-year effort and require funds in excess of \$1,000,000. Another way to respond would be a Major Maintenance project that would fix up the road section enough to give folks 3-5 years of decent road surface. This would probably be a single-year project and require a few hundred thousand from the Legislature.

Do you have any recommendations on how best to respond to this Legislative request? Does this road section need a complete reconstruction as requested by the Community Council or could a rehabilitation scope suffice?

Allen

From: Jody Simpson [mailto:Jody_Simpson@legis.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2009 3:29 PM
To: Kemplen, Allen (DOT)
Subject: Knik River Road MP 9.8 to 11.2

Allen,
South Knik River Road Community Council has submitted for Senator Huggins' consideration a request for capital funding for improving the last 1.5 miles of Knik River Road, to include reduction of grade, curvature, pullouts, and paving.

Would chipseal work for this project? Could you please provide a cost estimate for all necessary improvements and chip-sealing?

Thanks.

jody

Jody Simpson

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