

Agency: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities**Project Title:****Project Type:** Maintenance and Repairs

Steele Creek Road Improvements

State Funding Requested: \$90,000
One-Time Need**House District: 7 / D****Brief Project Description:**

This request meets a funding shortfall, thus completes the Steele Creek Road Improvements Project, Phase II.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$1,430,909**

| | <u>Funding Secured</u> | | <u>Other Pending Requests</u> | | <u>Anticipated Future Need</u> | |
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| | <i>Amount</i> | <i>FY</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>FY</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>FY</i> |
| State Funds | \$1,340,909 | FY09 | | | | |
| Total | \$1,340,909 | | | | | |

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Steele Creek Road Improvements Project, Phase II, makes safety improvements to the Steele Creek Road and paves the road from the intersection with Bennett Road to the intersection with Trianon Drive, a distance of approximately 2.4 miles.

The last half-mile of Steele Creek needs be re-aligned slightly to the north to widen the road from 19 feet to 24 feet for safety reasons. The re-alignment is necessary because utility poles are located on the south shoulder of the existing road. These poles cannot readily be moved nor can their features be easily relocated.

At the end of Phase II, this section of the Steele Creek Road will be safer, wider, and paved.

Project Timeline:

Department of Transportation plans to start Phase II around the middle of July 2010, with an anticipated completion date around the middle of August 2010.

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

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: Mr. Joe Kemp, DOT, Project Manager
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Total Project Snapshot Report

FY 2011 Capital Budget

TPS Report 54858v1

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:

Sheila Peterson

From: Dennis J. Manning [DJManning@gvea.com]
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2010 9:12 AM
To: Rep. Mike Kelly
Subject: Steele Cr. Road upgrade

Categories: Purple Category, Blue Category

To : Representative Mike Kelly:

Please provide State of Alaska deferred maintenance funds to the STEELE CREEK ROAD 2009 -2010 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT as needed by DOT

to supplement dollars for the Phase II paving plan (a 2.3 mile unpaved section of the road.)

Residents understand that there is a dollar shortfall of possibly several hundred thousand dollars that would leave a .7 (seven tenths) mile Steele Creek Road section

on the east end - a long downhill curve – not paved.

Safety, and **DOT continuing maintenance costs** for a gravel road, and **dust/health** are among our **major concerns**.

DOT Steele Creek Road Project Manager:
Joe Kemp 451 - 2214
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Your prompt attention to this problem is greatly appreciated,

Dennis Manning
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Example of the many emails received by Rep Kelly in support of the Steele Creek Road capital request.

Sheila Peterson
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April 29, 2010

The Hon. Mike Kelly
State Capitol Room 513
Juneau AK
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RE: Steele Creek Road Improvements

Representative Kelly,

Thank you for the inclusion of \$90,000 in the State Capital Budget for the Steele Creek Road Improvements Project. This additional funding will allow the Department to complete paving and safety improvements this summer.

This additional funding is necessary to complete a re-alignment and widening of approximately one half-mile of Steele Creek Road. This section, roughly between Strawberry Road and Trianon Drive, is dangerously narrow—averaging 19' across. There is a power line running along the south side of the road, with poles set right at the shoulder. The lanes of travel need to be moved away from these poles to allow a consistent 24' roadway width.

The Department received an initial appropriation of \$1,340,909, and approximately \$760,000 is remaining. Of this, \$140,000 is needed to continue Phase I of the project, which consists of drainage and safety improvements. Phase II, consisting of paving 2.4 miles and the realignment, is estimated to cost \$710,000, including \$70,000 for construction engineering and design work. A significant amount of utility work had to be done, in addition to the added cost of the realignment, neither of which had been planned for in the initial appropriation.

If the \$90,000 is removed from the budget, the project will continue, but the last half-mile will not be re-aligned or paved.

The residents along Steele Creek have been overwhelmingly supportive of this project since its initiation. 30 people attended a public meeting in April of 2009, and we have been in contact with several residents since then.

Sincerely,



Joseph Kemp, P.E.