

Highway Safety Corridors Near-Term Improvements

FY2011 Request: \$5,000,000

Reference No: 49031

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Construction

Category: Transportation

Location: Statewide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2010 - 06/30/2015

Appropriation: Highways and Facilities

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Provide the following improvements to address safety and capacity needs within the Highway Safety Corridors: Permanent informational speed signs (“Your Speed is...”) within the Safety Corridors on the Parks Highway, Seward Highway, Sterling Highway and Knik-Goose Bay Road, Split intersection on the Seward Highway at the Alyeska Highway, Traffic signal on the Parks Highway at Stanley Road. These projects contribute to the Department’s mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage, and by improving the mobility of people and goods.

Funding:	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$5,000,000						\$5,000,000
Total:	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

None.

Project Description/Justification:

An increasing number of two-lane rural highways in Central Region carry more traffic than they were designed to handle, either in the summer or year-round, and serve both through traffic traveling at high speeds and slower traffic trying to access businesses and homes adjacent to the roads. The congestion, high volumes of turning traffic and inconsistent speeds result in a high incidence of fatal and major injury crashes. The above improvements will help to reduce speeds and manage traffic more safely.

Two additional improvements could be initiated and/or constructed if additional funds are allocated:

- Knik-Goose Bay widening from the Palmer-Wasilla Highway to Fern Street
- Sterling Highway widening from Soldotna to Mackey Lake Road