

Sitka - Cross Trail Construction - High School to Baranof, Charles, Yaw and Pherson Streets **FY2011 Request: \$800,000**
Reference No: 49139

AP/AL: Allocation **Project Type:** Construction

Category: Transportation

Location: Sitka

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

Appropriation: Surface Transportation Program

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

New construction of 5,050 foot long, 10 foot wide (on 12ft wide shot rock base) compacted gravel multi-use trail. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.

Funding:	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$800,000						\$800,000
Total:	\$800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$800,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input 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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

None.

Project Description/Justification:

This project will replace an existing eroded trail with new construction and will expand facilities for cyclists and pedestrians. This project is part of the Sitka Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. The proposed new construction will minimize public access and disturbance to the USGS monitoring equipment by moving the traffic 600 feet to the east. The new alignment will make the Cross trail more accessible to the Pherson Street neighborhood. More neighborhood residents will have trail access to the Kimsham Recreational facility, high school and grade schools. Problems with the existing Gavan Hill trail, which is used by hikers and where in wintertime ice and snow accumulation on raised step and run planking causes treacherous conditions, will be remedied. The new standard of multi-use path construction will create a much safer surface in wintertime for all users and increase recreational opportunities to include bicycling and cross country skiing. The USGS has suggested banning public access across their lands because of the interference with the instrumentation. If this closure occurred in absence of this project, the public's use and access to the popular Gavan to Harbor Mountain trail would be seriously impaired. In addition, an annual race held during the Sports Medicine Physician's conference would have to be cancelled which would be detrimental to Sitka's economy.