

Parks Highway - Milepost 44 to 52.3 Reconstruction - Lucas **FY2011 Request:** **\$7,000,000**
Road to Big Lake Cutoff **Reference No:** **49144**

AP/AL: Allocation **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Transportation
Location: Matanuska Susitna Borough **Contact:** Frank Richards
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2010 - 06/30/2015
Appropriation: Surface Transportation Program

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Widen Parks Highway to four lanes with attendant traffic and safety improvements between Wasilla and the Big Lake Cutoff. 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:	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$7,000,000						\$7,000,000
Total:	\$7,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,000,000

<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:

This project proposes to improve 8.3 miles of the Parks Highway from Lucas Road in Wasilla through the Meadow Lakes area to the Big Lake Road junction in Houston. The project covers a top-five ranked fatal and major injury safety corridor on a segment of highway where traffic volumes are projected to more than double by the year 2030. In the period between 1977 and 2005, a total of 1,759 crashes occurred on this section of highway, with 33 fatal crashes resulting in 36 fatalities. More than 60% of the fatal crashes were head-on collisions. This project's purpose is twofold: to improve this serious safety problem and to increase roadway capacity to accommodate projected traffic. The project is entirely within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, the fastest growing area of Alaska, and this busy route is the primary link for commerce and tourism between Anchorage and interior Alaska.