

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Wrangell****Federal Tax ID: 92-6000144****Project Title:****Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs**

Wrangell - Cassiar Street Improvements

State Funding Requested: \$2,000,000
One-Time Need**House District: 2 / A****Brief Project Description:**

Project will make improvements to Cassiar Street in Wrangell to address vehicular, pedestrian, and emergency access issues.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$2,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$2,000,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Project will make improvements to Cassiar Street in Wrangell to address vehicular, pedestrian, and emergency access issues.

Cassiar Street is a narrow, unpaved one lane road to an older residential neighborhood in Wrangell. The road extends 1,400 feet on a sloped curve on the western side of Mt. Dewey overlooking the town and the Zimovia Straits. The street dead ends at a rock outcropping, blocking through passage and access to 14 undeveloped private and city owned lots on the other side. Steep rocky slopes in a portion of the road create a drainage and construction issue (retaining walls) and restrict alternative access. The narrow confines of the road make access by emergency response vehicles difficult, if not impossible, as well as hazardous to residents and walkers. There is not a turn around at the end of the road which forces emergency vehicles to back down the road in order to exit. Road construction will require excavation of rock in order to eliminate any of the existing encroachments of the road on private property and to widen the road to a 24 foot right-of-way with a 4 foot sidewalk on one side.

The components of the proposed road project include widening the roadway in order to allow two-way traffic, construction of curbs and sidewalk, redesign of electrical services, and replacement and installation of sewer and water. The rehabilitation is necessary to provide improved service to the residential district that currently experiences poor access, freezing, leakages and low flows, as well as to provide access to currently inaccessible private and city owned undeveloped property. The driving road of Cassiar is not currently in its platted location and is encroaching into private property.

More specifically, the scope of the project includes engineering and design of 1,400 feet of roadway and infrastructure reconstruction; environmental assessment and necessary permit acquisitions; surveys and plat preparation; ROW acquisition; replacement of 1,400 feet of 8" water main; excavation of rock for road widening and extension; replacement of water service lines, hydrants, and valve replacements; replacement of 1300 feet of sewer main; replacement of sewer

manholes and service lines; reconstruction of the storm drain system to encompass offsite drainage; road resurfacing; construction of curbs; construction of one 4 foot sidewalk the length of the project; ADA compliant sidewalk access; and redesign of electrical services.

The project includes a thorough planning and public review process. The improvement are important to improve community transportation and the project is strongly supported by the community.

Project Timeline:

FY12-FY13

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

City and Borough of Wrangell

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



