

**Seward Highway: Milepost 104 to 115 Passing Lanes -
Indian to Potter**

**FY2012 Request: \$15,000,000
Reference No: 45625**

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Construction

Category: Transportation

Location: Anchorage Areawide

House District: Anchorage Areawide (HD 17-32)

Impact House District: Anchorage Areawide (HD 17-32)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2011 - 06/30/2018 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-3900

Appropriation: Surface Transportation Program

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Construct passing lanes and a trail between Indian and Potter Marsh to address high traffic accident rates in the corridor. Includes Windy Corner project to expand and improve the existing pullout and add pedestrian/wildlife viewing, interpretation and landscaping. 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:	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$15,000,000						\$15,000,000
Total:	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
9% = 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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

\$20,000,000 - Ch 30 SLA 2008 Sec 3 pg 3 ln 4 (GO Bonds); \$12,000,000 - Ch 82 SLA 2006 Sec 1 pg 108 ln 12 (GF). Existing authorization will be combined with current request to fully fund the Phase I project to construct improvements from MP 105-107 at Windy Corner location.

Project Description/Justification:

This segment of the Seward Highway is designated a Traffic Safety Corridor due to the extremely high incidence of major injury and fatal accidents along this portion of the roadway. This stretch of highway has a 50% higher accident rate than average due to traffic congestion, lack of passing lanes, icy conditions, high speeds, curves and vehicle conflicts. This is a standalone component of an overall roadway project to reconstruct the Seward Highway from Potter Marsh in South Anchorage to the community of Bird. Phase I project to reconstruct the Seward Highway at Windy Corner from MP 105-107 under design with an anticipated construction start in 2012. Future phase(s) to be determined as authorized in a future Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.