

Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation System **FY2012 Request: \$1,100,000**
(FMATS): Gold Hill Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility **Reference No: 51558**

AP/AL: Allocation **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Transportation
Location: Fairbanks Areawide **House District:** Fairbanks Areawide (HD 7-11)
Impact House District: Fairbanks Areawide (HD 7-11) **Contact:** Frank Richards
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 a bicycle/pedestrian facility along Gold Hill Road. 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>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$1,100,000						\$1,100,000
Total:	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,100,000

<input checked="" 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
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
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

None.

Project Description/Justification:

Gold Hill Road is a two-lane road with 11' lanes and 1' shoulders. During peak travel hours it has significant vehicle traffic (1104 Average Annual Distance Travel) and its east-west alignment results in west-bound travelers heading directly into the sun at certain times of the year. Several accidents have occurred involving cars and bicyclists and pedestrians. In the past five years, there have been three major injury and seventeen property damage only accidents. Adding a bicycle facility will enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety, promote non-motorized transportation and improve safety during events that use the route (such as the Equinox Marathon). Gold Hill Road is located just west of the University of Alaska and is regularly used by bicyclists, walkers and runners for commuting and recreation.

The authority being requested is for the Right of Way stage, construction authority will be requested in the future once the design is complete.