

Statewide - Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities Rehabilitation and Improvements **FY2012 Request: \$500,000**
Reference No: 49147

AP/AL: Allocation **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Transportation
Location: Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) **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:

Provide funding for preventative maintenance and rehabilitation activities that cost-effectively extend the useful life of pedestrian walkways and bikeways. Improvements will address safety hazards and correct deficiencies. 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	\$500,000						\$500,000
Total:	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" 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:

\$2,500,000 - Ch 43 SLA 2010 Sec 7 pg 51 ln 15. 2010 was the first year of this program.

Project Description/Justification:

Walkways and bikeways are subject to the same environmental stresses as the State's roadways. In general, this project is intended to address the problems of aging pavements, eroding and deteriorating bases, failing drainage, fading or missing signage and striping, broken, missing or substandard lighting, infringing vegetation and damage caused by trees, and to correct deficiencies in older designs.

This is a statewide program to address safety hazards and deficiencies on approximately 400 miles of bikeways and a couple thousand miles of sidewalks throughout the state. We currently have a project in the design phase in Northern Region to perform spot repairs on pathways along Farmer's Loop Road, Ballaine Road and Chena Pump Road in Fairbanks.

Census data consistently show that Alaska has the highest rate in the nation of adults who walk to work. In 2008, over 7% of adult Alaskans walked to work compared to the national average of less than 3%. These figures do not capture the numbers of children who walk to school or people who walk to the bus stop while shopping or for recreation. Nationally, it's estimated that 9% of all trips are walking trips.

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A recent national report noted that 17 pedestrians were killed in traffic crashes in Alaska in 2007 and 2008, nearly 12% of all traffic deaths in the state.