

Dalton Highway - Milepost 11 to 18 Reconstruction**FY2012 Request: \$25,000,000****Reference No: 51836****AP/AL:** Allocation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Livengood**House District:** Interior Villages (HD 6)**Impact House District:** Interior Villages (HD 6)**Contact:** Pat Kemp, Deputy Commissioner**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2011 - 06/30/2018**Contact Phone:** (907)465-3900**Appropriation:** Surface Transportation Program**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This is a new capital request because of a STIP amendment that occurred after the December 15 release of the Governor's FY2012 budget. This project will be for reconstruction, including widening, spot repairs and resurfacing of seven miles of the Dalton Highway. This is a major reconstruction in the hilly portion of the Dalton Highway where winter accidents are common. Upgrading the Dalton is important to freight movement in general and the gas pipeline in particular.

Funding:	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$25,000,000						\$25,000,000
Total:	\$25,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000,000

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

The purpose of this project is to improve the safety and performance of the Dalton Highway between mileposts (MP) 11 and 18 by reconstructing the roadway. Work will include widening the existing highway, reducing grades, flattening horizontal curves, drainage improvements and constructing a realignment at Erickson Creek (MP 12). The Dalton Highway is part of the National Highway System and provides the only vehicle access across Interior Alaska from Fairbanks to Deadhorse, serving as a critical supply route between commerce and industrial centers. The original roadway was thought of as a haul route to support the Trans Alaska Pipeline System and was constructed to the former State of Alaska Department of Highways secondary road standards. Today, the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) general data log designates the Dalton Highway as a rural principal arterial that supports heavy truck and tourism traffic. DOT&PF anticipates an increase in future traffic with continued industrial development, regional tourism, and renewed interest in the Alaska natural gas pipeline.