

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Federal Tax ID: 92-0059987****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

# Anchorage - U-Med District Multi-Modal Improvements Phase II

**State Funding Requested: \$1,000,000**  
One-Time Need

**House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)**

## Brief Project Description:

This project will improve pedestrian and vehicle safety, promote mobility and increase transit access in the high-activity University and Providence Hospital (U-Med) District.

## Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$1,500,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$500,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$1,000,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

### Funding Details:

Planning and preliminary design for additional access to Providence Hospital, University of Alaska Anchorage, and the new UAA Sports Arena.

## Detailed Project Description and Justification:

U-Med multi-modal improvements will yield significant transportation safety, service and access improvements for seniors, health-care providers and their clients, students, faculty and staff at two Universities, commuters, and major employers, including the State of Alaska and federal government. This project will mitigate congestion and improve safety in the U-Med area for pedestrians, bicyclists, auto and truck drivers and buses in a fully integrated plan.

The U-Med District is the most focused, highly concentrated activity center in the Anchorage Bowl with 22,000 students at two universities and more than 14,000 employees at U-Med District facilities. More than half of People Mover's daily bus trips in the Anchorage Bowl travel through the area.

This request will provide Phase III funding, improving three bus stops, pedestrian access and 8-foot walkways adjacent to Providence Drive on the east side of the campus. Additionally, this project will provide necessary curb ramps, sidewalks and traffic control at the intersection of Providence and Alumni Drive -- a pivotal crossing point for UAA and APU students with connectivity to the Chester and Campbell Creek Trail systems, the Consortium Library, Providence Hospital, and future UAA Sport Complex. Close collaboration with the Universities, Providence Hospital, the Municipality and other stakeholders has resulted in a plan that includes street modifications, safety initiatives, pedestrian facilities, transit routing and stops, transit arrival displays, shelters, seating, lighting, landscaping, safe crosswalks and other features at optimal locations with a strong emphasis on aesthetics and attractive, safe, pedestrian-oriented environments.

**Project Timeline:**

Construction and personnel expenditures will take place from 2011-2012.

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

Municipality of Anchorage

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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