

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: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Anchorage - A Street and 48th Avenue Extension and Upgrade - 51st Avenue to Cordova Street

State Funding Requested: \$4,000,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

This project will construct 48th Avenue to urban collector standards and A Street to local road standards. Improvements are expected to include the road base, storm drain system with curb and gutter, pedestrian facilities, street lighting, and landscaping.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$4,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$4,000,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This project will construct 48th Avenue to urban collector standards and A Street to local road standards. Improvements are expected to include the road base, storm drain system with curb and gutter, pedestrian facilities, street lighting, and landscaping.

This project has not started. State grant funding is proposed. 48th Avenue is identified as a collector street in the Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP). This segment has never been constructed. A Street is a local road that has been constructed to half-street standards south of 50th Avenue.

The grant funding may be used for utility work, obtaining rights of way and easements, and any work associated with upgrading the roadway and its amenities.

Project Timeline:

Design spending is anticipated in 2013/2014. Construction spending is expected in 2014/2015.

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

Municipality of Anchorage



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February 15, 2012

*The Honorable Bettie Davis
State Senate
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182*

*The Honorable Senator Lesil McGuire
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*The Honorable Senator Johnny Ellis
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*The Honorable Senator William Wielechowski
State Senate
Alaska State Capitol
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*The Honorable Senator Cathy Giessel
State Senate
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Subj: Support of Municipality of Anchorage Grant for A St. / 48th Avenue Extension Project

Dear Senators Davis, Ellis, French, McGuire, Meyer, Giessel, and Wielechowski:

On behalf of Afognak Native Corporation, I wish to thank you for your consideration of the support grant to the Municipality of Anchorage for the completion of A Street (Tudor to International Airport Rd) and East 48th Ave. (C St. to Old Seward Hwy).

As an Alaska business owner and land owner in the area, completion of these roads will serve to develop this area in a safe and expedited manner, while alleviating traffic congestion in the surrounding residential area. We have seen re-routed traffic utilize Cordova Street during this winter season, which has caused serious congestion due to the high traffic and residential nature of the area. We believe the completion of both 48th Avenue and A Street will significantly relieve this congestion, making for safer access to the businesses and property surrounding this area.

Local businesses and employers in the area including St. Elias Hospital, numerous hotels, and restaurants would utilize these improvements, taking pressure off Cordova Street

and re-routing traffic onto C Street, International Airport Road (South) and onto Tudor Road (North).

Your assistance, support, and prioritization for this project is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please feel free to give me a call at (907) 222-9582.

Sincerely,



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February 14, 2012

Attention:

Senator Bettye Davis
Senator Johnny Ellis
Senator Hollis French
Senator Lesil McGuire
Senator Kevin Meyer
Senator Bill Wielechowski

Subject: Support for funding the Anchorage, Alaska extensions of:
A street from 51st Avenue to Tudor Road
48th Ave from A Street to Cordova Street

Dear Senators:

Please give funding for this project due consideration and approval.

Summary of benefits of Extending A St and 48th Ave.

- Relieve N-S traffic congestion and faster movement on C St and Cordova St
- Relieve E-W traffic congestion and faster movement on International Road and Tudor Road (48th Ave between C St and Old Seward)
- Provide faster local access for agencies responding to emergency
- Provide faster local access to long term medical facilities
- Provide more safe traffic through adjacent single family homes
- This subject area is the geographic center of Anchorage
- Fast and easy access to the airport

I have had a business office in the vicinity of this potential project since 1972. During this time the midtown area has grown significantly in importance to the City and State. Availability of parking, a shorter commute to a larger population, short, and fast access to the airport and development of fine commercial/light industrial improvements. Midtown has become the center of commerce for the City. Banking, utilities, oil producers, oil support services, general engineering, executive offices and government agencies. We even think Midtown would be the pre-eminent location for a new State legislative office.

Respectfully submitted


Roger Haxby

MIDTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
2012 RESOLUTION

Title: SUPPORT A Street/48th Avenue Extension/Upgrade

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has created its 2012 State Legislative Program of priority projects within the Municipality of Anchorage, which was approved by the Anchorage Assembly.

WHEREAS, the A Street/48th Avenue Extension/Upgrade project has been listed under the "Municipality's Road and Drainage Project Requests" in the amount of four million dollars (\$4,000,000); and

WHEREAS, As stated in the Municipality of Anchorage State Legislative Program, "This project will construct 48th Avenue to urban collector standards and A street to local road standards." Improvements are expected to include the road base, storm drain system with curb and gutter enhancement, pedestrian facilities, street lighting, and landscaping."; and

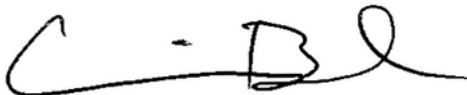
WHEREAS, there is excessive traffic on Cordova Street and, many children in the neighborhood depend upon school bus services. Completion of East 48th and A Street will assist in redirecting traffic in the area, and reduce traffic on Cordova Street, making it safer for local area residents most particularly the children using the bus system; and

WHEREAS, the final East 48th Avenue construction will make the first, final, and only direct connection between Old Seward Highway and C Street, and the A Street construction will lead to the last direct connection between International Airport Road and Tudor Road; and

WHEREAS, construction of these two roads will improve access to the Sisters of Providence and St. Elias Specialty Hospital, which are designated emergency disaster facilities in the State of Alaska; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Midtown Community Council strongly endorses the Approval and Funding by the Alaska State Legislature, the funding sought for this project by the Municipality of Anchorage in the 2012 State Legislative Program of priority projects.

Passed this 8 day of ^{February}~~January~~ 2012



By: Chris Bond

It's: President