

Anchorage - Midtown Traffic Congestion Relief**FY2013 Request: \$10,000,000****Reference No: 43056****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Anchorage Areawide**House District:** Anchorage Areawide (HD 17-32)**Impact House District:** Anchorage Areawide (HD 17-32)**Contact:** Pat Kemp**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2017 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-3900**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project will design, acquire right-of-way and construct improvements to the Seward Highway through midtown Anchorage, from Tudor Road to 20th Avenue. The first construction phase is the grade separation at 36th Avenue.

Funding:	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$10,000,000						\$10,000,000
Total:	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" 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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**Project Description/Justification:**

The Midtown Congestion Relief project will extend the controlled access portion of the Seward Highway through the busiest 4-way intersection in the state (36th Avenue).

Traffic along this corridor is expected to roughly double in the next twenty to thirty years, and without dramatic improvements, congestion will significantly increase especially in the midtown region. It is estimated that the congestion at 36th Avenue creates approximately 250 driver hours of delay every weekday afternoon. Currently, all signalized intersections on this stretch of the highway are at level of service E or F on a scale of A to F. These intersections also include some of the highest accident locations in Anchorage and the State of Alaska. This project will eliminate the at-grade turning conflicts, and greatly improve safety on this corridor.

This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.