Klondike - Industrial Highway Ore Haul Refurbishment

FY2013 Request: $2,500,000
Reference No: 54065

AP/AL: Allocation
Category: Transportation
Location: Skagway

Project Type: Construction
House District: Cordova/Southeast Islands (HD 5)
Contact: Pat Kemp

Impact House District: Cordova/Southeast Islands (HD 5)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2017
Contact Phone: (907)465-3900
Appropriation: Roads to Resources

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:
This project will refurbish and strengthen the pavement and/or bridge structures to accommodate an anticipated large increase in the truck transport of ore from Canadian mines to the Port of Skagway for shipment to ore smelters around the world. The ultimate goal is to define a preferred build alternative, secure environmental permits and right-of-way that can be transferred to a public-private partnership for final design, finance and construction. This project is one of several new public-private partnerships being explored to help the state accomplish the development of its natural resources.

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State Match Required: 0%
One-Time Project: Yes
Phased - new: Yes
Phased - underway: No
On-Going: No
Amendment: No
Mental Health Bill: No

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

Project Development: 0
Ongoing Operating: 0
One-Time Startup: 0
Totals: 0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:
None.

Project Description/Justification:
This project will refurbish and strengthen the pavement and bridge structures to accommodate an anticipated large increase in the transport of ore from Canadian mines to the Port of Skagway for shipment to ore smelters around the world. Road improvements are necessary to accommodate truck loads exceeding legal highway loads. The Klondike Highway is an industrial use highway that levies fees on industrial truck loads in excess of legal highway loads. Haul fees will be adjusted to recover the cost of both capital and maintaining this highway for ore haul over the service life of the improvements. Funding is requested for design only. Construction funding will be sought through AIDEA as part of a larger Roads to Resources user paid program.

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