

Seward Highway - Milepost 75 - 90 Bridge Replacements **FY2013 Request: \$10,000,000**
Reference No: 54157

AP/AL: Allocation **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
Appropriation: Asset Management

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Replace up to 8 bridges on the Seward Highway from milepost (MP) 75 to MP 90.

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 checked="" 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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

None.

Project Description/Justification:

This project is likely to be built in phases: 1.) bridge replaced in 2013, 2.) bridges in 2014, 3.) bridges in 2015. Using state funding for this project allows the average project delivery to be 2 years earlier than would likely be possible following the federal process. Savings reflect approximately 2 years of construction inflation. State funds would allow the ability to replace bridges while the federal highway environmental document (EA) proceeds for MP 75-90. The 2010 Bridge Report prioritizes these structurally deficient bridges for corrective action. The use of state funds avoids 4(f) involvement (Chugach National Forest). The Section 4(f) provision refers to the original section within the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 which established the requirement for consideration of park and recreational lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites in transportation project development. It is considered one of the most difficult federal laws to comply with, and is a compelling reason for using state funds to replace these bridges.

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