

Highway Safety Corridor - Seward Highway at Alyeska Highway Intersection Improvements

FY2013 Request: \$5,000,000
Reference No: 54158

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)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2017

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Appropriation: Safety

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Construct a divided intersection on the Seward Highway at the Alyeska Highway to allow queuing for left-turning vehicles.

Funding:	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	Total
Gen Fund	\$5,000,000						\$5,000,000
Total:	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000

<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:

Construct a divided intersection on the Seward Highway at the Alyeska Highway to allow queuing for left-turning vehicles. Cost savings are realized by eliminating 1.5 years of federally mandated environmental work and two years inflation for construction and utilities. Project would eliminate the potential for further commercial access on the inlet side of this intersection potentially exacerbating access problems and turning movement conflicts at the junction of this State Highway Safety Corridor and the Alyeska Highway. Needed ROW could be acquired early in the design process using state funds; this would not be possible using federal funds. Protective ROW purchase limits future commercial development; development of this property could make it cost prohibitive to purchase in the future. The use of state funds avoids the need to reevaluate the approved federal environmental document. Project is first step toward improving Safety Corridors as 4-lane divided highways.

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