

Seward Highway - Corridor Study

FY2013 Request: \$2,400,000

Reference No: 54311

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Research / Studies / Planning

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 - 06/30/2019 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-3900

Appropriation: Surface Transportation Program

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Develop a clear departmental vision for the entire Seward Highway corridor to guide capital project selection and scoping, aid in management decisions, and help preserve the function of the Seward Highway as a critical national highway system (NHS) corridor. Project will also include reconnaissance level evaluation of alternatives to reduce congestion, enhance safety and improve mobility for the highway segment from Anchorage to Girdwood.

Funding:	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$2,400,000						\$2,400,000
Total:	\$2,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,400,000

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

As a primary road with a lack of secondary parallel highway routes, the Seward Highway is sole road corridor for the Turnagain Arm, the upper Kenai Peninsula, and provides for access to the Kenai Peninsula, Seward, Whittier and the Prince William Sound. The only portion of this facility that is access controlled is the portion of the Seward Highway located within the Anchorage Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) and this effort will be focusing on the region south of this access controlled segment. The Seward Highway is a designated an All American Road National Scenic Byway and provides access to myriad state, federal and borough recreational areas. This project will coordinate with local governments, land use managers, private landowners, businesses, and agencies to develop a clear departmental vision for the corridor to guide capital project selection and scoping, aid in management decisions, and help preserve its function as a critical NHS route in the coming years.

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