

**Agency: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities****Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

# Chena Small Tracts Road, Multi-Use Path Construction

**State Funding Requested:** \$1,000,000  
One-Time Need**House District:** Fairbanks Areawide (1-5)**Brief Project Description:**

Construct Chena Small Tracts bike path, improve lighting, signage and safety features

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$1,986,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$986,000)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	(\$1,000,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

\$986,000 state funds secured to date

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The proposed multi-path way alongside Chena Small Tracts Road, a busy residential thoroughfare that runs from a main traffic artery to a popular borough maintained park on the Chena River.

The road currently has no shoulder or sidewalk and the current speed limit is 40 miles per hour. The construction of a multi-use path would allow non-automotive traffic to travel safely along the road without having to be immediately adjacent car and other vehicular traffic.

Currently, in Fairbanks there is no school bus service from the Chena Small Tracts area to Woodriver Elementary School, because it falls within a half-mile radius. This absence of bus service forces many students to walk along Chena Small Tracts Road to school posing a significant danger to children due to lack of pedestrian facilities. Chena Small Tracts Road also has a higher than average occurrence of ice fog, due to geographical location, further reducing visibility. In winter months the danger to bicyclists and pedestrians is increased because of a snow constricted roadway surface along with increased traffic due to the frozen Chena river crossing.

In addition to providing a safe route to the Woodriver Elementary School, the path would also provide a recreational and educational link for the community to the existing Kiwanis River Park, Chena River, and the local trail system.

**Project Timeline:**

as funds become available

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No

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