

Whittier - Shotgun Cove Road

FY2015 Request: \$2,000,000
Reference No: 52278

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Transportation
Location: Whittier
Impact House District: Kodiak/Cordova (HD 35)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2019

Project Type: Construction
Recipient: Whittier
House District: Kodiak/Cordova (HD 35)
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project extends Shotgun Cove Road 2.5 miles, from Emerald Cove Trailhead to Trinity Point. This paved, 24 foot road will improve the quality of life and produce much needed revenue sources for the City of Whittier, its residents, and the local business. The Shotgun Cove Road project is an approximately 9 mile of new road construction project aimed at accessing lands in Shotgun Cove as well as lands to the east of the Whittier core area. These lands were granted to the City of Whittier by the State of Alaska. The city is required to convey the majority of this land into private ownership. The Shotgun Cove Road project is intended to provide access to these lands as well as to promote development.

Funding:	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$2,000,000						\$2,000,000
Total:	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" 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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	0	
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P41 L11 SB160 \$2,000,000
 Sec10 Ch43 SLA2010 P108 L15 SB230 \$4,000,000
 Sec1 Ch5 SLA2010 P44 L4 SB46 \$400,000

Project Description/Justification:

The Shotgun Cove Road project will allow access to currently inaccessible federal, state, municipal and native corporation lands. This project assists with the extension of Shotgun Cove Road by providing additional funding for design, environmental permitting and other construction costs. Much of the project has been funded with federal dollars, which are diminishing. Given its small size, the City of Whittier does not have the ability to fund this important project.

Construction is underway and the first segment of road is estimated to be completed by December 2015. This segment will create access for the first time to Chugach Alaska Corporation and City of Whittier land east of the Whittier town site. Once the project is completed, access to city, state and U.S. Forest Service lands at Emerald Cove/Trinity Point will be available.

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Since the opening of the Anton Memorial Tunnel to road traffic in 2000, Whittier has become a popular destination for many Alaska residents from other communities. Whittier has adopted the moniker "Gateway to the Prince William Sound". Summer crowds currently overwhelm Whittier's infrastructure. As a rail and port community, much of the Whittier core area is involved in industrial activity. Opportunities for the expansion of recreational and tourism activities in the core area of Whittier are very limited. A greater array of outdoor recreational opportunities is needed to serve the public in its quest to enjoy the natural beauty and bounty of the Prince William Sound. The Shotgun Cove Road project will afford access to new recreational and economic development opportunities.