

Big Lake Road Pedestrian Improvements Study**FY2015 Request: \$250,000**
Reference No: 58313**AP/AL:** Allocation**Project Type:** Life / Health / Safety**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Matanuska Susitna Borough**House District:** Matsu Areawide (HD 7-11)**Impact House District:** Matsu Areawide (HD 7-11)**Contact:** Jeff Ottesen**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2019**Contact Phone:** (907)465-4070**Appropriation:** Safety**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Study pedestrian needs along Big Lake Road. As the Big Lake area continues to develop with new businesses and homes, there is a need to evaluate how best to accommodate the increase in pedestrian and bicycle movements along Big Lake Road, especially within the emerging city center.

Funding:	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$250,000						\$250,000
Total:	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000

<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

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**Project Description/Justification:**

Continued growth in the Big Lake community is causing a shift from primarily a location for recreational homes to a year-round residential community. This growth has increased local residents' concerns about pedestrian safety along Big Lake Road, especially as traffic is forecasted to increase with improved future access to Port MacKenzie and the Knik Arm Crossing. As the Big Lake area continues to develop with new businesses and homes, there is a need to evaluate how best to accommodate the increase in pedestrian and bicycle movements along Big Lake Road, especially within the emerging city center.

Funding will provide a prioritization framework for any necessary capital improvements within the State right-of-way, examine opportunities for partnerships with local government regarding transportation and land use development, and determine where future pedestrian safety improvements may be needed.