

**Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation System (FMATS) - Gold Hill Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility**      **FY2015 Request: \$4,700,000**  
**Reference No: 51558**

**AP/AL:** Allocation      **Project Type:** Construction  
**Category:** Transportation  
**Location:** Fairbanks Areawide      **House District:** Fairbanks Areawide (HD 1-5)  
**Impact House District:** Fairbanks Areawide (HD 1-5)      **Contact:** Jeff Ottesen  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2019      **Contact Phone:** (907)465-4070  
**Appropriation:** Surface Transportation Program

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project will widen the shoulders on Gold Hill Road to accommodate bicycles and pedestrians. Improvements will also include resurfacing the roadway, approach work, signing, and striping.

| <b>Funding:</b> | <b>FY2015</b>      | <b>FY2016</b> | <b>FY2017</b> | <b>FY2018</b> | <b>FY2019</b> | <b>FY2020</b> | <b>Total</b>       |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Fed Rcpts       | \$4,700,000        |               |               |               |               |               | \$4,700,000        |
| <b>Total:</b>   | <b>\$4,700,000</b> | <b>\$0</b>    | <b>\$0</b>    | <b>\$0</b>    | <b>\$0</b>    | <b>\$0</b>    | <b>\$4,700,000</b> |

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| <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           |                                   |

| <b>Operating &amp; Maintenance Costs:</b> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Staff</u> |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| Project Development:                      | 0             | 0            |
| Ongoing Operating:                        | 0             | 0            |
| One-Time Startup:                         | 0             | 0            |
| <b>Totals:</b>                            | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     |

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P111 L20 SB46 \$1,100,000

**Project Description/Justification:**

Gold Hill Road is a two-lane road with 11' lanes and 1' shoulders. During peak travel hours it has significant vehicle traffic (1104 Annual Average Daily Travel) and its east-west alignment results in west-bound travelers heading directly into the sun at certain times of the year. Several accidents have occurred involving cars and bicyclists and pedestrians. In the past five years, there have been three major injury and seventeen property damage only accidents. Adding a bicycle facility will enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety, promote non-motorized transportation and improve safety during events that use the route (such as the Equinox Marathon). Gold Hill Road is located just west of the University of Alaska and is regularly used by bicyclists, walkers and runners for commuting and recreation.