

**Central Region Parks Highway - Rehabilitation and Reconstruction**

**FY2016 Request: \$50,000,000**  
**Reference No: 60609**

**AP/AL:** Allocation  
**Category:** Transportation  
**Location:** Southcentral Alaska

**Project Type:** Construction  
**House District:** Southcentral Region (HD 7-31)

**Impact House District:** Southcentral Region (HD 7-31)

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2015 - 06/30/2020

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**Appropriation:** Surface Transportation Program

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project will provide funds for highway and bridge reconstruction and rehabilitation projects on the portion of the Parks Highway located within the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities' (DOT&PF) Central Region. Eligible work includes resurfacing, reconstruction, drainage improvements, signage, guardrail, illumination and other improvements that prolong the life of road pavements, embankments, bridges and their safety related features.

<b>Funding:</b>	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$50,000,000						\$50,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$50,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000,000

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
9% = 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	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

No prior funding history.

**Project Description/Justification:**

This program is anticipated to provide support for the following Central Region projects on the Parks Highway:

**Parks Highway/Talkeetna Spur Road Pedestrian Improvements**

This project will construct a pedestrian underpass of the Parks Highway near Talkeetna Spur Road. Growth in the area has resulted in increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic between the Susitna Valley High School, located on the west side of the highway, and the Talkeetna Spur Road pathway, senior/community center and commercial developments on the east side of the highway. This project provides a grade separation that will reduce the conflicts between the high speed vehicular traffic and pedestrians/bicyclists.

Upon completion, it is anticipated that maintenance and operating costs will increase by

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approximately \$4,300 per year.

**Parks Highway - Milepost 90 to 146 Resurfacing**

This project will resurface the Parks highway from mile post 90 -146. Project may include base stabilization and shoulder widening as appropriate. The project is needed to extend the service life of the pavement and to reduce weight restrictions on this section of the Parks Highway. This project will be constructed in two stages, MP 99-123.5 & MP 123.5-146.

**Parks Highway - Milepost 44.5 to 48.8 Reconstruction - Church Road to Pittman Road**

This project will widen the Parks Highway to four lanes with attendant traffic and safety improvements between Church Road and Pittman Road. This includes Bridge #1922 - Wasilla Railroad Crossing. The purpose of this project is to improve a serious safety problem and to increase the roadway's capacity to accommodate the projected traffic growth.

**Parks Highway Bridge Replacement**

This project will replace Bridge #215 at Montana Creek and Bridge #213 at Sheep Creek. The original bridges were constructed in 1962, and are structurally deficient.