

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Federal Tax ID: 92-0059987****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Anchorage - U-Med District Northern Access

State Funding Requested: \$20,000,000
One-Time Need**House District: Anchorage Areawide (11-27)****Brief Project Description:**

This project will design and construct arterial road access to the University Medical District from the north. Improvements are expected to include a new three to four lane road with pedestrian facilities, storm drain with curb and gutter, street lighting, landscaping, and any other amenities deemed desirable to preserve the existing character of the area.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$20,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$20,000,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

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A concept report has been completed by the Alaska Department of Transportation. This report has been shared with the public and discusses several possible alternatives. Traffic studies have demonstrated the value of another north/south connection on the east side of Anchorage to enhance traffic circulation and to provide better access to the universities and hospitals in the district. This need will be amplified with the opening of the new UAA sports complex. State grant funding is proposed.

This grant funding may be used for planning, design, utility relocation, right of way acquisition, construction, and any other activity associated with the improvements described above.

Project Timeline:

Design expenditures will occur in 2014 and 2015. Construction expense is anticipated in 2015 and 2016.

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

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April 10, 2012

Mayor Dan Sullivan
Sent Via Email to: bakerL@muni.org

Re: Connection of Bragaw Street & Elmore Road

Dear Mayor Sullivan:

I wish to express Providence Health & Services Alaska's interest in, and support for the extension of Bragaw Street to interconnect with Elmore Road along the U-Med district's eastern border. Please consider funding a development plan that examines alternative solutions and weighs both serving the common good and respecting the concerns of those affected by any preferred solution.

The northern access route will alleviate a significant portion of the daily traffic in the U-Med area, which is recognized as one of Anchorage's most congested traffic districts. The emergent nature of certain medical needs is best served by having shorter and less congested access to care venues on the Providence campus, with the potential to save lives in extreme cases. The U-Med district has grown considerably over the last decade, which continues today through construction-in-progress of a mother-baby tower on the Providence Alaska Medical Center campus, along with construction of the UAA Community Arena starting this year. Finally, the proposed Engineering Building at UAA will only increase traffic volumes in this area. All of these developments will further alter traffic patterns across Anchorage. Interconnection of existing roadways is a viable element in responding to the community's needs.

The staff of Providence Health & Services Alaska are able and willing to offer input to any planning effort on this topic, including provision of information that may be needed to update traffic or other studies. Thank you in advance for considering my request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce Lamoureux". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bruce Lamoureux
Sr Vice President/Chief Executive Alaska Region

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