

Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority - West **FY2026 Request:** **\$2,500,000**
Susitna Road Access **Reference No:** **66083**

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Development
Location: Mat-Su Areawide **House District:** Mat-Su Areawide (HD 9-24)
Impact House District: Mat-Su Areawide (HD 9-24) **Contact:** Randy Ruaro
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2030 **Contact Phone:** (907)771-3050

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The West Susitna Road Project aims to provide access for housing, recreation, and industrial development. The proposed route is approximately 80 miles long, starting from the west bank of Alexander Creek and extending to near the confluence of the Talachulitna and Skwentna Rivers.

| Funding: | <u>FY2026</u> | <u>FY2027</u> | <u>FY2028</u> | <u>FY2029</u> | <u>FY2030</u> | <u>FY2031</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1004 Gen Fund | \$2,500,000 | | | | | | \$2,500,000 |
| Total: | \$2,500,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$2,500,000 |

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| <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"/> Ongoing |
| 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 | 0 |
| Totals: | 0 | 0 |

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:
 Sec8 Ch1 SLA2021 P70 L23 HB69 \$8,500,000

Project Description/Justification:

The West Susitna Road Project aims to provide access for housing, recreation, and industrial development. The route will start from the west bank of Alexander Creek and extend close to the confluence of the Talachulitna and Skwentna Rivers. After crossing the Skwentna River, the route will run alongside the proposed Donlin Gold gas pipeline on the north side of the river. Near the Happy River crossing, the route will diverge from the Donlin Gold gas pipeline route and continue westward to connect with existing mineral exploration roads.

The AIDEA will conduct all necessary fieldwork to submit an application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a Clean Water Act § 404 permit. The impact on federally protected wetlands will also require reviews under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The additional funds will ensure the project has enough resources to complete the federal permitting efforts.