

West Susitna Road Access

FY2022 Request: \$10,000,000
Reference No: AMD 56220

AP/AL: Appropriation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Development**Location:** Southcentral Alaska**House District:** Southcentral Region (HD 7-31)**Impact House District:** Southcentral Region (HD 7-31)**Contact:** Alan Weitzner, AIDEA**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2026 **Contact Phone:** (907)771-3050**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project has completed phase two of the pre-development feasibility planning, which started in 2014 as the West Susitna Access Study led by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) as part of the agency's Roads to Resources program. The purpose of the study was to identify options for an optimal access corridor to a broader, district-wide area of resources with connection to Port MacKenzie.

Funding:	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	Total
1004 Gen Fund	\$10,000,000						\$10,000,000
Total:	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000

<input 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"/> Ongoing
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" 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:

Sec4 Ch16 SLA2013 P105 L22 SB 18 \$95,200,000
 Sec4 Ch5 SLA2011 P127 L10 SB 46 \$65,700,000
 Sec7 Ch43 SLA2010 P19 L16 SB 230 \$10,000,000
 Sec13 Ch29 SLA2008 P87 L14 SB 221 \$2,500,000

The proposed route is approximately 100 miles long, from the west end of Ayrshire Road to near the confluence of the Talachulitna and Skwentna Rivers. After crossing the Skwentna River, it would continue adjacent to the proposed Donlin Gold gas pipeline route on the north side of the Skwentna River. Near the Happy River crossing, the route would diverge away from the Donlin Gold gas pipeline route and continue west to a point of tie-in with existing mineral exploration roads.

Project Description/Justification:

This project will:

- Direct a route that implements broader access than a single purpose road;
- Expedite the development of the access for broader economic development within the Borough and State which would otherwise have been tied to a single user's access requirements and timing; and