

**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 - Eagle River Traffic Mitigation - Business Boulevard to Eagle River and Artillery Road

**State Funding Requested: \$7,500,000****House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

This project will study specific ways to improve Artillery Road Interchange and provide better access to Business Boulevard from Eagle River Road and then construct the selected alternative. The exact scope will be determined during the design process, which will include public involvement.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$7,500,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$7,500,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

This project will study specific ways to improve traffic flow through Artillery Road Interchange and to provide better access to Business Boulevard from Eagle River Road and then construct the selected alternative. The exact scope will be determined during the design process, which will include public involvement. Significant right of way acquisition is anticipated.

The Business Blvd to Eagle River Road portion of the project was recommended in the Eagle River CBD study (2011) to enhance traffic circulation in the Eagle River Central Business District area. The growth of the Eagle River area has strained the existing road network beyond its functioning capacity. New connections were identified in the Eagle River CBD study to promote enhanced traffic circulation. This is the first alternative to receive funding and has strong support from the Eagle River Chamber of Commerce. The primary purpose of this new connection is to relieve pressure from the overly crowded Old Glenn Highway.

The grant funding may be used for study and design work, including public involvement, utility work, obtaining rights of way and easements, and any work associated with the improvements described above or associated amenities.

**Project Timeline:**

Design expenditures are anticipated in 2013 and 2014. Construction expenses are expected in 2014 and 2015.

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

Municipality of Anchorage

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No