

Agency: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities**Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Fairbanks - Old Steese Highway to McGrath Road Reconstruction and Extension

State Funding Requested: \$25,000,000
Future Funding May Be Requested

House District: Fairbanks Areawide (7-11)**Brief Project Description:**

Upgrade and extend the Old Steese Highway from its' intersection at Trainor Gate Road, along the Northside Boulevard to the intersection of McGrath Road and Farmers Loop Road.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$25,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$25,000,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Large tracts of property within and adjacent to the project area have experienced a rapid increase in commercial and residential development. Multiple large and small retail stores, as well as service oriented businesses and a residential neighborhood have developed in this area, dramatically increasing traffic volumes, faster than the existing road system can accommodate. Traffic congestion is an increasing concern. A significant amount of vacant commercial property is available for continued development. This project will address traffic congestion and pedestrian access by reducing the delay experienced by the users. The extension of the Old Steese Highway to McGrath Road will provide an alternate north/south link between residential and commercial areas in Fairbanks. Additionally, it will alleviate traffic demand on the Steese Expressway, a corridor with some of the highest traffic volumes in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. The Old Steese Highway north of Trainor Gate Road is experiencing a growth of pedestrian and bicycle users and dedicated facilities do not exist. This project will construct new pedestrian and bicycle facilities along the Old Steese Highway and connect them to existing facilities north and south of the project.

Project Timeline:

FY13-FY15

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

ADOT&PF

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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