

Gravina Island Bridge**FY2007 Request: \$91,000,000**
Reference No: 41919**AP/AL:** Allocation
Category: Transportation
Location: Ketchikan
House District: Ketchikan
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2006 - 06/03/2011
Appropriation: Congressional Earmarks**Project Type:** Construction
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Improve surface access between Ketchikan and Gravina Island, including the Ketchikan International Airport. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage, by improving the mobility of people and goods and by increasing private investment.

Funding:	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$91,000,000						\$91,000,000
Total:	\$91,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$91,000,000

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
9% = 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

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2005 - \$215,000,000; FY2002 - \$20,000,000; FY1999 - \$20,200,000.

Project Description/Justification:

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes to start the final step toward constructing access from Revillagigedo (Revilla) Island to Gravina Island in Southeast Alaska. It is intended to provide a roadway link from Ketchikan to Gravina Island across the Ralph M. Bartholomew Veterans' Memorial Bridges over two channels of Tongass Narrows. Pennock Island in the Narrows is also now accessible.

The proposed Gravina Island Highway begins as the Airport Access Road at the Ketchikan International Airport parking lot on Gravina Island and extends south around the end of the present day runway and up the hill to an intersection with Gravina Island Highway and Lewis Reef Road. From there, the Gravina Island Highway proceeds southeasterly to the West Channel bridge crossing of Tongass Narrows. After crossing the channel, the roadway traverses Pennock Island easterly to the East Channel bridge, and lands within the US Coast Guard property on Revilla Island. Here, the Highway turns northwest, cutting across the steep hillside on its way down to a new intersection with the South Tongass Highway. The total length of this proposed new roadway is 7.0 miles, incorporating almost 1.2 miles of bridge structures.