

**SENATE BILL NO. 59**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY SENATORS TORGERSON, Taylor, Therriault, Cowdery**

**Introduced: 1/30/01**

**Referred: Transportation, Community and Regional Affairs, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to awards of federal funds to municipalities for road projects; and**  
2 **providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 19.05 is amended by adding new sections to read:

5 **Article 4. Awards of Federal Funds to Municipalities for Road Projects.**

6 **Sec. 19.05.150. Municipal road projects.** (a) Each fiscal year, the  
7 department shall award federal funds to municipalities for road projects. The total  
8 amount awarded in a fiscal year may not exceed \$20,000,000. Awards are subject to  
9 state appropriations of federal funds for municipal road projects.

10 (b) Appropriations for awards under this section are not one-year  
11 appropriations and do not lapse under AS 37.25.010.

12 **Sec. 19.05.155. Project applications.** A municipality with the power to  
13 construct and maintain roads may apply to the department for an award of federal  
14 money for a road project. The project application must contain all information

1 regarding the road project that is requested by the department. The municipality must  
2 agree to provide money to match federal funds if a match is required by federal law,  
3 and the municipality must agree to comply with all other federal requirements for  
4 receipt and expenditure of the federal funds for the road project. The department may  
5 not accept an application for a road project until the department determines that the  
6 project will qualify for federal funding.

7 **Sec. 19.05.160. Priorities for road projects.** (a) The department shall set  
8 priorities for all municipal road projects for which it accepts an application under  
9 AS 19.05.155. In setting priorities for projects, the department shall assign a higher  
10 priority to road projects involving the reconstruction or rehabilitation of a state  
11 maintained road where the municipality also agrees to accept maintenance  
12 responsibility for the road upon completion of the project.

13 (b) Unless prohibited under federal law, the department shall include the  
14 municipal road projects that it accepts under AS 19.05.155 in a statewide  
15 transportation plan in the order of priority established under (a) of this section and in a  
16 manner that ensures that municipal road projects qualify for federal funding each  
17 fiscal year.

18 \* **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2001.