

CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT

No. 1

Offered in: Senate Floor

By: Senator Con Bunde

To: CS for SB 221 (FIN)

Agency:

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Grants to Named Recipients:
Sultana Homeowner's Assn.

Project:

Sultana Homeowner's Association, Inc.
Sultana Drive Maintenance and Safety Improvements
House District 32

Amount:

\$15,000

Funding Source:

General Funds (1004)

Explanation:

This is funding for road maintenance and safety improvements on Sultana Drive. It is the ONLY approach to the Lower Huffman access to Anchorage's popular Chugach State Park, and the only trailhead for motorized access to the trail system.

Sultana Drive was dedicated to the state as part of a federal land transaction that added Lower Huffman trailhead to the Chugach Park. The state has neglected maintenance on this drive, resulting in much needed improvements to restore this access to appropriate standards. This funding is required due to an ongoing dispute between DOR and DNR that has allowed the access to deteriorate and create unacceptable risks to park users and residents in the area. Without this funding, no one will be maintaining this road to any acceptable standard. Funding is an interim solution to address safety issues while the larger dispute regarding state responsibility remains unsolved.