

CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT No 4

Offered in: Senate Floor
To: CS for SB 221 (FIN)

By: Senator Con Bunde

Agency:

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Grants to Municipalities :Anchorage

Project:

Anchorage –Hillside Transportation Safety and Connectivity:
Mountain Air Drive / Hillside Drive Extension
House District 32

Amount:

\$4,500,000
One-time need

Funding Source:

General Funds (1004)
One-time need

Explanation:

Mountain Air Drive / Hillside Drive extension south from Rabbit Creek Road at Bear Valley Elementary School is the highest priority need in the Anchorage Hillside. This funding would allow the construction of a collector street in Bear Valley to provide emergency access and escape and relieve traffic congestion in the most rapidly growing area of Anchorage. This connection is a key recommendation of the Hillside Sub-Area Transportation study designed to relieve existing and growing traffic and address safety concerns. This situation is so severe that MOA has even considered a moratorium on further development in the area, until this connector road is established. It is vital and will assist emergency vehicle access and evacuation routes in the event of wildfires, a serious concern for all areas in southcentral Alaska. The creation of this road will negate the need for the construction of an additional Hillside fire substation.

This project is located outside ARSDA (Anchorage Roads and Service Drainage Area) so local bond funds are not an option. Land owner and the local road service area members are in contact and have mutual agreement that this road could be maintained by the South Goldenview LRSA.