



Introduced: 3/1/83  
Referred: Transportation  
and Finance

1 IN THE SENATE

BY KERTTULA

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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the Matanuska-Susitna Borough be up-

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Submitted to House Transpo. Cmtee.

STATE OF ALASKA 1984 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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REQUEST  
Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 9  
Title: Upgrade Farm Loop Road  
Sponsor: Senator Kerttula  
Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Request: 4/9/84

FISCAL DETAIL  
Agency Affected: DOT&PF  
Program Category Affected: Transportation  
BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: Design & Construction

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING			35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0
CAPITAL		2,530.0				
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		2,530.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL		2,530.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

Not provided by the sponsor.

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for any Analysis

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Approved by Commissioner: [Signature] Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

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1. Analysis of the fiscal impact on existing programs.

The DOT&PF could absorb the design and construction functions of this project without fiscal impact on existing programs.

2. Analysis of fiscal impact on new programs or activities.

None

3. Analysis of how the figures in the fiscal note were delivered.

An FY'83 cost estimate by our Design and Construction Division was updated to FY'85 figures. This would provide a paved, 28' wide road, 3 miles in length.

4. Additional information necessary to explain the fiscal note.

There are no funds identified in association with SCR 9. Due to the relatively low traffic volume on this road, the DOT&PF considers improvements to this road a lower priority than for other collector roads in the area with higher traffic volumes.

STATE OF ALASKA  
FISCAL NOTE

*approved by Senate Finance*

Revision Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1983

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 9  
Title: Farm Loop Road Upgrade

Sponsor: Kerttula  
Requestor: Senate Transp. Committee

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: DOT&PF  
Program Category Affected: \_\_\_\_\_

BRU, Program of Subprogram(s) Affected: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LANDS & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL OPERATING					23.0	25.3

CAPITAL	-	95.0	120.0	2,310.0	0	0
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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OTHER (Specify Source)						

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III. SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

IV. ANALYSIS: See Attached for Analysis.

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Approved by Commissioner: [Signature] Date: 4/15/83  
Department: Transportation and Public Facilities

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April 14, 1983

SCR 9

Author R. Gibby

### ANALYSIS

Farm Loop Road was assumed to be upgraded to a 28 foot wide gravel road under this project.

The cost estimates for this project in FY'83 dollars were:

Preliminary Engineering	\$	85,000
Right-of-Way		100,000
Utilities		100,000
Construction		1,638,000

These costs were assumed to increase at 10% per year through the life of the project.

The preliminary engineering (\$95,000) was assumed to be done under consultant contract and require about 15 months.

The right-of-way acquisition (\$120,000) was assumed to be completed in FY'85.

The utility phase (\$133,000) was also assumed to be completed in FY'86.

The construction phase (\$2,177,000) was assumed to be initiated in the summer of 1985 (FY 86).

Since this project includes the widening of an existing road by approximately one lane, maintenance and operations costs are assumed to increase in FY'87 by \$7,000 per lane mile of \$23,000 for the entire road.

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION #9: JUSTIFICATION

SCR 9 was introduced in an effort to have the Farm Loop Road in the Matanuska Susitna Valley upgraded by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. Farm Loop Road is a state maintained road which is receiving increased traffic pressure due to settlement in the area over the past few years.

The road, one of the original Matanuska Valley Colony roads constructed in 1935, is one of the more scenic routes through the farming area of the Valley near Palmer. Tourist traffic on the road has increased because of vistas of the mountains and historic farmsteads and cropland.

The Average Daily Traffic on the Farm Loop Road was 180 in 1981. This had increased by 28% to 249 in 1983 and is estimated to be 350 in May 1984. Improvement would include widening the road to 28 feet enabling less frequent and expensive maintenance. At present the traffic on the road is two-way; however, in effect, the road is not wide enough to safely carry two-way traffic. The road would further be improved by adding to the sub-base.

The improvements would extend the length of the 2.9 mile road at a cost of \$2,635,000. Annual maintenance would be \$35,000.

DOT/PF Central Region Maintenance and Operations has assigned the upgrade a priority. If improvements are made, maintenance costs will be reduced.

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