

Bush projects aim to fix existing facilities

The back-to-basics budget proposed by Gov. Bill Sheffield included lots of road improvement projects throughout the state but few projects that could be considered big plums.

Projects specified for the Southeast region include:

Construction of a southeast regional youth facility; paving project for the Main Street in Petersburg, airport overlay in Ketchikan; construction of a new hospital in Cordova; hatchery improvement in Klawock; construction of a new maintenance shop in Klawock; Yakutat airport drainage and surface restoration;

Angoon boat harbor expansion in Kootznawoo Inlet; purchase of the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka; firing range reconstruction and academy expansion in Sitka;

Land acquisition and taxiway construction on the Kotzebue airport; roadway upgrading in Kotzebue; regional planning program development strategies development for the Aleutians and Bering Straits areas;

Nome warehouse construction, port causeway construction, runway rehabilitation, phase 2, and expansion for the Nome Correctional Center; McGrath fire department administration building, dispatch office and warehouse construction;

Detention facility for Bethel and Western Alaska.

Nunapitchuk community airport construction;

Dutch Harbor/Unalaska airport runway extension;

Kodiak Senior Center construction;

Chignik pile driver purchase to place piles required to support 350-foot-long Chignik River salmon weir;

Kodiak Fish and Game Department airplane engine replacement; Kodiak road upgrading;

Southeast floatplane facilities repair and rehabilitation targeting Klawock, Hawk Inlet, Metlakatla and Tenakee;

Central Region airport improvement projects including King Salmon east apron and lighting, Pedro Bay airport reconstruction, Kakhiok extension, Chignik resurfacing, Mountain Village runway and apron reconstruction, Kokhanok relocation, and other minor airport improvements;

Employment Service office renovation in Barrow, Bethel, and Kotzebue;

Improvements to state employee housing in Tok, McGrath, Nelchina, Sitka, Slana, Gardnier Creek, Ernestine, Cordova, Dillingham, Yakutat, Livengood.

Asbestos replacement statewide to locate and replace asbestos and help local school districts remove the material which is a known danger to school occupants.

Statewide rural electrification programs and energy related activities.

The listing of these projects is a fraction of the capital projects budget proposed by Sheffield but focuses in on specific communities.