Mission Road Project Receives Funding

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Motorists driving along Mission Road will soon have nice, smooth pavement to drive over, rather than troublesome potholes. One local representative was able to secure money for the Mission Road Project, and the Department of Transportation says it will go forward a half a year ahead of schedule. Mary Donaldson has more.

The stretch of Mission Road from just outside city limits to the Benny Benson intersection will be receiving some major repair work it desperately needs. Kodiak Senator Gary Stevens learned this week that the project which he request funding for was approved to move forward in the next two months.

(Stevens 1 :30s “…pleased it worked out that way.”)

Stevens was able to secure 570-thousand dollars for the project in the fiscal year 2009 budget passed by lawmakers during the regular session. It will consist of removing andreplacing the existing pavement along with minor drainage improvements. Stevens says the Department of Transportation put the bid out this week and he thinks that things will get rolling fast after the bid is awarded.

(Stevens 2 :10s “…see the project finished.”)

Sarah Kennedy has been living on Mission Road for few years and says the wait for this street to be repaved has been long, and it has even cost her a few flat tires. She is more than ready for a new stretch of road.

(Kennedy 1 :08s “…more than anything.”)

Stevens hopes the Mission Road Project will begin as quickly as possible. As long as everything stays on schedule, the bidding process should take no more than two weeks from start to finish. Stevens says the DOT tells him that paving could begin next month and be completed by mid-October. He says he is happy he was able to help get this project going before this winter, rather than its previous start date of next spring.

I’m Mary Donaldson.

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