

Alaska Marine Highway: New Fast Vehicle Ferry #3**FY2005 Request: \$25,000,000****Reference No: 39159****AP/AL:** Allocation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Southeast Alaska**Contact:** Tom Briggs**House District:** Southeast Areawide (HD 1-5)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-6977**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2009**Appropriation:** Surface Transportation Program**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Design and build a Fast Vehicle Ferry (FVF) as prescribed in the update to the Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan. Estimate includes crew familization and sea trials. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage, by improving the mobility of people and goods and by increasing private investment.

Funding:	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$25,000,000						\$25,000,000
Total:	\$25,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2004 - \$5,000,000; FY2003 - \$12,000,000.

Project Description/Justification:

Part of the Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan. Construct FVF for implementation of planned shuttle ferry system between Juneau and Ketchikan. FVFs #3 and #4 are required together in order to complete the main shuttle ferry link from Ketchikan to Juneau. With the addition of the Lynn Canal Shuttle (*Fairweather*) and the Southern Gateway Shuttle (Prince Rupert) the ferries will replace one of the current mainline ferries that will soon be obsolete due to inability to comply with international SOLAS regulations. Maintaining compliance of the older ferries will cost approximately \$100,000,000 by 2010. Commissioning the FVFs will enable a traveler leaving Juneau at 0800 in the morning to arrive in Ketchikan the same evening (approximately 1800) instead of taking a 20-40 hour trip. The addition of the Lynn Canal Shuttle and Southern Gateway Shuttle will enable travelers to transit the entire Inside Passage during daylight hours.