

Juneau: Access Improvement

FY2005 Request: \$128,729,100

Reference No: 39153

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Construction

Category: Transportation

Location: Juneau Areawide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2009

Appropriation: Congressional Earmarks

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Improve surface access between Juneau and Haines and Skagway through construction of new ferry boats, terminals and/or road segments. Various combinations of ferry and road alternatives are under evaluation. 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	\$128,729,100						\$128,729,100
Total:	\$128,729,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$128,729,100

<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
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2004 - \$5,000,000.

Project Description/Justification:

This project provides funding for design and construction of the selected alternative for access improvements north from Juneau in the Lynn Canal corridor. The Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) presents the preferred alternative as an extension of the Glacier Highway north from its existing terminus at Echo Cove to a new connection with the Klondike Highway in Skagway. A new ferry terminal opposite Haines is also proposed, with a new shuttle ferry providing multiple trips a day to and from the Haines road system. Approval of a Record of Decision (ROD) by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will complete the environmental stage by confirming the selected alternative.

Access improvements in the Lynn Canal corridor support the Department's mission of improving mobility of people and goods. During peak periods, limited capacity delays the movement of drivers and vehicles, instead of providing flexibility and supporting the opportunity to travel. Other purposes of access improvements include reducing travel times and user costs, along with lowering state costs of providing transportation through the corridor.

Detailed design can commence upon federal approval of the ROD. Initial construction will follow.