

AMD: Unalakleet: Airport Paving**FY2005 Request: \$13,000,000****Reference No: AMD 39271****AP/AL:** Allocation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Unalakleet**Contact:** Kip Knudson**House District:** Bering Straits (HD 39)**Contact Phone:** (907)269-0724**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2009**Appropriation:** Airport Improvement Program**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Pave existing runway 14/32, taxiways, and parking area at the Unalakleet Airport. Project will include grading, drainage, and lighting improvements.

Funding:	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$13,000,000						\$13,000,000
Total:	\$13,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,000,000

<input checked="" 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
5% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" 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:

None.

Project Description/Justification:

New information about material costs is responsible for the increase in the project estimate. Local material is not expected to meet specifications, requiring crushed aggregate to be barged from Nome at a cost of \$100/cubic yard. Other items potentially included in this project include some Runway Safety Area improvements requiring local borrow, lighting changes on taxiways, and one optional Additive Alternate for expanded general aviation parking.

The existing runway was originally paved while operated by the U.S. Military. Due to surface degradation, the runway was converted to gravel and intermittently treated with dust palliatives. Due to poor surfacing, Northern Air Cargo (NAC) lost a jet engine at Unalakleet and discontinued jet service in the early 1990s. Currently NAC only flies propeller aircraft (DC-6's) into Unalakleet. Landing and departing aircraft cause a continual dust problem which affects the subregional medical clinic located at the end of runway 32. Unalakleet is a regional hub with important commercial use and the potential for expanding commercial activities. Paving the airport will cure a continuing dust problem and allow renewed jet service.