

Ketchikan: Gravina Island Crossing**FY2005 Request: \$215,000,000****Reference No: 39154****AP/AL:** Allocation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Ketchikan**Contact:** John MacKinnon**House District:** Ketchikan (HD 1)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-6973**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2009**Appropriation:** Congressional Earmarks**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Improve surface access between Ketchikan and Gravina Island, including the Ketchikan International Airport. 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	\$215,000,000						\$215,000,000
Total:	\$215,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$215,000,000

<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>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2002 - \$20,000,000; FY1999 - \$20,000,000.

Project Description/Justification:

This project provides funds for construction of the selected alternative for access improvements between Revilla and Gravina islands in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough. Circulation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) will follow the recent distribution of the draft. The FEIS will describe the components of the preferred alternative, including bridge characteristics for crossing Tongass Narrows. After FEIS circulation, approval of a Record of Decision (ROD) by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will complete the environmental stage by confirming the selected alternative.

Access to Gravina Island, and especially Ketchikan International Airport, supports the Department's mission of improving mobility of people and goods. Almost all airports of this size can be reached without use of a shuttle ferry. Other activities on Gravina Island, such as a major wood-processing complex, are unreachable by road, even in emergencies. The Ketchikan Airport receives daily jet service and enplanes over 100,000 passengers per year. Currently, shuttle ferries carry airport-related travel to and from the community, on foot and by vehicle.

Detailed design can commence upon federal approval of the ROD. Construction will follow once a design package is ready for bid and permits, right-of-way and funding are in place.