Hooper Bay - Airport Improvements

FY2014 Request: $25,000,000
Reference No: 56965

AP/AL: Allocation
Category: Transportation
Location: Hooper Bay

Project Type: Construction
House District: Wade Hampton/McKinley (HD 38)
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2020
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Appropriation: Airport Improvement Program

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:
Reconstruct the existing airport to raise the airport embankment, improve the runway condition, expand the apron, meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) airspace standards, reconstruct the airport access road and construct new snow removal equipment buildings to shelter two pieces of heavy equipment. Replace the lighting system, wind sock and navigational aids. Other improvements may be constructed to the extent necessary, if funding is available.

Operating & Maintenance Costs:
Project Development: 0 0
Ongoing Operating: 0 0
One-Time Startup: 0 0
Totals: 0 0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:
No prior funding history

Project Description/Justification:
Hooper Bay is one of the larger communities in Western Alaska, with a 2011 population of 1,137. The airport is subject to severe snow drifting, which creates difficult winter maintenance issues that occasionally limits access to the community. The airport’s embankment needs to be raised to reduce snow drifting problems. The airport runway surface is in poor condition, the apron needs to be expanded to improve the airports capacity to accommodate simultaneous aircraft loading and off-loading operations and the apron set back needs to be extended to meet FAA airspace requirements. The airport access road is in very poor condition and is subject to flooding. It needs to be reconstructed with a raised embankment. New snow removal equipment buildings are needed to shelter two pieces of snow removal equipment, due to the inadequate size and deteriorated condition of the existing one bay building.