

Juneau Access

FY2016 Request: \$25,000,000
Reference No: 41670

AP/AL: Allocation
Category: Transportation
Location: Juneau Areawide
Impact House District: Juneau Areawide (HD 33-34)

Project Type: Construction
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Contact: Jeff Ottesen

Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2015 - 06/30/2020
Appropriation: Surface Transportation Program
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Provide improved surface transportation to and from Juneau within the Lynn Canal corridor by extending Glacier Highway an additional 50 miles to a new ferry terminal 2 miles north of the Katzehin River delta. The Juneau Access project will increase capacity to meet the travel demand in the corridor. This project contributes to the Department's mission by improving the mobility of people and goods through increased flexibility and greater opportunity to travel, reducing travel times between Lynn Canal communities, and reducing both the traveler's costs and the state's costs for transportation in the corridor.

Funding:	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>FY2021</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

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch18 SLA2013 P80 L13 SB 18 \$4,600,000
 Sec32(b) Ch18 SLA2013 P130 L17 SB 18 \$5,397,059
 Sec1 Ch82 SLA2006 P107 L26 SB 231 \$35,824,600
 Sec1 Ch159 SLA2004 P48 L19 SB 283 \$128,729,100
 Sec1 Ch82 SLA2003 P49 L6 SB 100 \$5,000,000

Project Description/Justification:

A final environmental impact statement (EIS) was released by the department in January 2006 identifying the East Lynn Canal Highway to the Katzehin River delta with ferry shuttles to Haines and Skagway as the preferred alternative. A Record of Decision (ROD) was issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in April 2006. In February 2009 the U.S. District Court rejected FHWA's ROD concluding that an alternative for improved ferry service using existing ferries and terminals was not adequately considered. In May 2011 the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit upheld the previous court decisions by a 2-1 vote. As a result, the Department and FHWA began preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) that is expected to be

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completed in August 2014. The East Lynn Canal Highway preferred alternative could begin construction as early as October 2015. The East Lynn Canal Highway will extend Glacier Highway 50 miles to the north from Echo Cove, around Berners Bay, to a new ferry terminal near located across Lynn Canal and approximately 3 miles from Haines. Ferry service would connect the new ferry terminal to Haines and Skagway using the two Day Boat Alaska Class Ferries (ACF).