Category: TransportationLocation: AlakanukContact: Frank RichardsHouse District: Bering Straits (HD 39)Contact Phone: (907)465-3900Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2013Appropriation: Airport Improvement Program

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project was requested in the Governor's Supplemental Budget. Apply surface material, re-grade the runway, apron, taxiway and access road, including improving the access road drainage. Install airport lighting on the 4,000 foot long silt embankment runway at the Alakanuk Airport. Complete other improvements as funding allows. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods. Funding: FY2009 FY2010 FY2011 FY2012 FY2013 FY2014 Total Fed Rcpts \$0 Total: \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 State Match Required One-Time Project □ On-Going Phased - new Phased - underway 5% = Minimum State Match % Required Amendment Mental Health Bill ff

Operating & Maintenance Costs:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development	: 0	0
Ongoing Operating	: 0	0
One-Time Startup	: 0	
Totals	: 0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2008 - \$2,467,500; FY2007 - \$4,715,000; FY2006 - \$7,010,000.

Project Description/Justification:

The Alakanuk Airport is 2,200 feet by 35 feet, far below state standards. It is not aligned well for wind coverage, has trees in its northern approach, floods intermittently and is inadequate for the traffic it receives (3,791 enplanements in 2003). The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities' Maintenance and Operations section spends significant time and money keeping Alakanuk Airport in operational condition. Stage one of this project began the construction of a new runway, building a silt embankment for the runway, apron and access road in a location that maximizes wind coverage. This embankment was allowed to settle over time and now is ready for surface material. Material is in short supply at Alakanuk and must be barged in from material sources located upriver.

During the course of the second and third stage of the project, the runway and apron embankments will be regraded, surface material added and lighting installed, making air transportation to Alakanuk safer and more expedient.