Birchwood: Airport Master Plan FY2010 Request: \$175,000 Reference No: AMD 34739

AP/AL: Allocation Project Type: Planning

Category: Transportation

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2009 - 06/30/2014 **Appropriation:** Airport Improvement Program

## **Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This is a new FY10 Capital Request. Complete the Birchwood Airport Environmental Assessment and prepare Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to allow for property acquisition to commence and provide acquisition assistance. Include assessment of current ultralight demand. 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:	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$175,000						\$175,000
Total:	\$175,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$175,000

✓ State Match Required ☐ One-Time Project	✓ Phased Project	☐ On-Going
5% = Minimum State Match % Required	Amendment	☐ Mental Health Bill

## **Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	Amount	Staff
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

## **Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

FY2002 - \$200,000.

## **Project Description/Justification:**

The Birchwood Airport Master Plan and Environmental Assessment (EA) has been ongoing for 5 years under several FAA grants. To date, a master plan, master development plan, draft EA, and associated archaeological report have been completed. In order that the airport be protected from incompatible land uses occurring around it, it is necessary to acquire land identified in the airport master plan for future development. In order to begin this acquisition, the EA must be finalized, and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) prepared. Additionally, the demand for ultralights and light sport aircraft has changed since the plan began. This demand needs to be assessed.