Statewide: Various Airports Minor Surface Improvements FY2010 Request: \$9,000,000 Reference No: AMD 36245

AP/AL: Allocation Project Type: Construction

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 amendment increases the FY10 Governor's Budget by \$4,000,000 Federal Funds for a new FY10 project total of \$9,000,000. Construct minor surface improvements at various airports in the state. 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:	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$9,000,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$36,500,000
Total:	\$9,000,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$36,500,000

✓ State Match Required ☐ One-Time Project	☐ Phased - new	☐ Phased - underway 🔽 On-Going
5% = Minimum State Match % Required	Amendment	

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:

FY2009 - \$5,500,000; FY2008 - \$5,000,000; FY2007 - \$2,000,000; FY2006 - \$3,000,000; FY2005 - \$6,400,000; FY2004 - \$2,000,000; FY2003 - \$2,000,000; FY2002 - \$2,700,000.

Project Description/Justification:

This project consists of the following minor surface improvements at state airports:

- 1. Additional gravel surfacing.
- 2. Application of dust palliatives.
- 3. Pavement repair.
- 4. Brush cutting.
- 5. Erosion protection improvements.
- 6. Surface grading and compaction.
- 7. Painting and pavement marking.
- 8. Obstruction removal.
- 9. Other minor surface improvements, as funding allows.

The state maintains approximately 256 rural system airports. The surfaces on these airports are continuously degrading, due to time, use, settlement, wind and water erosion, moisture accumulation and vegetation growth. Many of these airports are substandard and need minor surface

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improvements to improve their safety and capacity. Most of these surface maintenance improvements are necessary to provide safe operating conditions while major airport improvement projects are under development or awaiting funding. The department establishes priorities annually for the use of the minor surface improvement funding. The Airport Improvement Program reauthorization bill (Vision 100) expanded the eligible use of this program funding to all state-owned airports, except Anchorage and Fairbanks International Airports.

The FAA is sending us Letters of Correction (LOC) for surface condition deficiencies on certificated airports, with the requirement that these surface improvements be completed within a relatively short time period. We are using the Various Airport Surface Improvements project to meet many of these requirements, in addition to other more routine needs. Responding to these LOC improvement needs is increasing the amount of funding needed for this project. It is difficult to predict when FAA will issue an LOC and the amount of funding that will be needed to complete the correction need. To increase our capacity and flexibility in meeting these LOC needs, we are requesting additional legislative authority.