

Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan Implementation Management

FY2005 Request: \$140,000
Reference No: 36169

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Planning

Category: Transportation

Location: Southeast Alaska

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2009

Appropriation: Surface Transportation Program

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Provides support for regional plan management, maintenance and implementation. 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:	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$140,000						\$140,000
Total:	\$140,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$140,000

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased Project	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
9% = 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
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2004 - \$140,000; FY2003 - \$140,000; FY2002 - \$140,000; FY2001 - \$140,000.

Project Description/Justification:

Funding for update analysis, public involvement, plan updates, follow-on studies prompted by the regional Plan and management coordination and support in implementing its recommendations. The current plan is undergoing revision, with adoption of a revised plan scheduled for 2004.

Southeast Alaska has a compelling need for an effective and well-tuned plan for improvements to the regional transportation system. The better the plan, the more effective the department can be in pursuing its mission. The existing system relies on large ferries to carry long-haul vehicle movements, because cost and topography have made it difficult to connect communities by land highway, even by pioneer road. Ferry transportation is expensive to operate; at the same time; users request higher service levels than there is funding to provide. The Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan is the forum for examining these issues, and identifying the most sensible approach to upgrading the capabilities of the regional transportation system.