

Alaska Marine Highway: Haines/Skagway Shuttle**FY2005 Request: \$16,000,000****Reference No: 39157****AP/AL:** Allocation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Southeast Alaska**Contact:** Tom Briggs**House District:** Southeast Areawide (HD 1-5)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-6977**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2009**Appropriation:** Surface Transportation Program**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Construct vehicle shuttle ferry for service between Haines and Skagway. 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	\$16,000,000						\$16,000,000
Total:	\$16,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,000,000

<input checked="" 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
20% = 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:

None.

Project Description/Justification:

Design and construction of a new ferry to provide service between Haines and Skagway. A reconnaissance study will determine the actual vessel size and design. The new vessel would be operated as a day boat (i.e. no round-the-clock crew on board).

Adding a new shuttle between Haines and Skagway supports the Department's mission of improving mobility of people and goods, along with helping to increase visitor-related investment in both communities. The shuttle ferry will increase the efficiency of the M/V Fairweather operations and any other day boat operations in the Lynn Canal. The ferry link between Skagway and Haines is popular with travelers, and enables visitors to travel one-way on two scenic highway crossings of the Coast Range without back-tracking. The ferry ride on Taiya Inlet is also spectacular. This addition improves travel opportunities, and makes upper Lynn Canal more attractive as a visitor destination.