

Alaska Marine Highways: Mainline Ferry Refurbishment

FY2006 Request: \$28,500,000

Reference No: 40380

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Construction

Category: Transportation

Location: Statewide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2010

Appropriation: Surface Transportation Program

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Periodic mainline ferry refurbishment, regulatory driven, drydocking; refurbishment of components on six mainline ferries (Columbia, Malaspina, Matanuska, Taku, Kennicott and Tustumena); vessel refurbishment priorities as established in annual AMHS Fleet Condition Survey Report. 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:	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$28,500,000						\$28,500,000
Total:	\$28,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28,500,000

<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
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	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

None.

Project Description/Justification:

Funding refurbishment of the existing AMHS mainline ferry fleet of six vessels is critical to maintaining a reliable and efficient transportation system serving traffic between Bellingham throughout Southeastern Alaska, across the Gulf of Alaska and to Kodiak and the communities out the Aleutian Chain. This funding will support a continuing refurbishment program to enable these vessels to continue to serve over the next five to ten years. Each vessel's propulsion electrical, plumbing, sewage treatment, ventilation and communication systems and the crew and passenger lounges, dining rooms, cafeterias, hotel facilities, hull and components in general are all in various states of deterioration and in need of refurbishment. Other improvements relate to meeting regulatory requirements mandated by the US Coast Guard and the Transportation Security Administration. This funding allows the AMHS to implement a periodic refurbishment of those components on each mainline ferry most in need of refurbishment and equipment installations on a priority basis to provide for safe, reliable and comfortable service. Refurbishment and regulatory needs exceed the funding requested; however, this request will address the most urgent needs.

The refurbishment of ferries pursues the Department's mission.