

**AP/AL:** Allocation  
**Category:** Transportation  
**Location:** Angoon  
**House District:** Cordova/Southeast Islands  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2012  
**Appropriation:** Airport Improvement Program

**Project Type:** Planning  
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**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The department has completed a Reconnaissance Study and an Airport Master Plan for a new airport to serve the community of Angoon. The next step in the process is to complete an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has begun the initial phase of this work and will be prepared to hire a consultant in the summer of 2007. The requested funding will support the first phase of the EIS which may include initial public information, project scoping, agency coordination, and other actions. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.

<b>Funding:</b>	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$1,000,000						\$1,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

<input 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
0% = 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
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

None.

**Project Description/Justification:**

Angoon is a Tlingit fishing village located on the west side of Admiralty Island approximately 60 air-miles southwest of Juneau and approximately 40 air-miles northeast of Sitka. With a population of nearly 500, it is the largest community in Southeast Alaska without an airport. It is currently served by a Seaplane Float. An airport with a 3,300 foot runway will improve Angoon's access to commercial and medical facilities in Sitka and Juneau at reduced cost to area residents. It will facilitate air shipments of fresh seafood products in an increasingly competitive market and provide more reliable air transportation with attendant socio-economic benefits. It will allow continued air service when winter temperatures fall below 10 degrees. It will also allow 24-hour medivac capability that is impossible with the existing seaplane float. These are all community priorities. Residents are particularly concerned about medivac difficulties.

This project has been under consideration for over 20 years. The latest effort, which began with a new reconnaissance study and continued with an airport master plan that is now complete, has resulted in a proposed site that better serves the interests of the community and is a better airport location than those previously considered. The City of Angoon has passed a supporting resolution for the proposed site that encourages construction of the airport.

The next step in the process is to complete an Environmental Impact Statement. The FAA has begun the initial phase of this work and will be prepared to hire a consultant in the summer of 2007. The EIS will be funded through an Airport Improvement Program grant. The requested funding will support the first phase of the EIS which may include initial public information, project scoping, agency coordination, and other actions.

