

Angoon: Ferry Terminal

FY2009 Request: \$7,250,000
Reference No: AMD 45703

AP/AL: Allocation
Category: Transportation
Location: Angoon
House District: Cordova/Southeast Islands (HD 5)

Project Type: Construction
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2010
Appropriation: Surface Transportation Program

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This is a new FY2009 Capital Budget Request. Construct/reconstruct all components of the ferry terminal facility to accommodate LeConte and Fairweather Class ferries. 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:	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$7,250,000						\$7,250,000
Total:	\$7,250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,250,000

<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 checked="" 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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

None. Securing this funding now will allow us to issue a construction contract in early 2009 with project completion in the fall of 2009 or spring of 2010.

Project Description/Justification:

In mid-February 2008, the Alaska marine Highway System (AMHS) and the Marine Transportation Advisory Board (advisors to the Governor of Alaska on AMHS issues) determined that cost savings to the operating budget of AMHS would be realized if conventional mono-hulled service to Angoon was replaced with service by AMHS Fast Vehicle Ferries (FVF) *Fairweather* or *Chenega* when transiting between Sitka and Juneau. The FVF would be able to increase the frequency of service to Angoon and increase opportunities for the residents to go to Sitka and Juneau by stopping in Angoon once in one direction on each round trip between Juneau and Sitka. The *Fairweather* has the time in each twelve hour round trip to stop at Angoon. The *Fairweather* would alternate direction of each consecutive roundtrip to provide Angoon with alternating connections to and from both Juneau and Sitka. For example, this summer the *Fairweather* is scheduled to provide four round trips per week between Juneau and Sitka. When the Angoon Ferry Terminal is reconstructed to accommodate LeConte and Fairweather Class ferries, the *Fairweather* would be able to provide four stops in Angoon each week (at peak times) providing two trips a week to Sitka and two trips a week to Juneau. Current *LeConte* service is only two trips a week to Juneau. The *LeConte* could continue to provide service, when the *Fairweather* is not available.

The importance of this is that the native health clinic is located in Sitka. Angoon is a native village (Pop, 482) and most of their medical services are provided in Sitka.

Current schedule: The *LeConte* serves Angoon every Thursday and Saturday from Juneau. If an individual desires to go to Sitka, they have to stay in Juneau overnight to catch a ferry the next day to Sitka (if one is available), spend the night in Sitka, take another ferry to Juneau and spend a night or two and then take another ferry to Angoon. This is a very expensive and complicated way to travel. Summer/winter nightly hotel rates at a national chain in Juneau are \$124/\$90 and in Sitka \$132/\$114. Small planes are also available to fly to Sitka and Juneau, but small planes plus mountains and inclement weather can make for a dangerous situation.

Proposed schedule: The FVF will stop in Angoon, either northbound (twice) or southbound (twice) for a total of four times per week. This will greatly reduce the number of "overnights" residents must spend in Sitka or Juneau.

In 2007, the *LeConte* cost AMHS approximately \$120/mile to operate. Two dedicated Angoon trips per week cost the system roughly \$36,000 per week ($\$120 \times 2 \times 75 \times 2$). The *Fairweather* cost AMHS approximately \$174/mile to operate but since the *Fairweather* will be including Angoon service in her regular run between Juneau and Sitka, she will be diverting eight miles each trip and the cost for four visits would be approximately \$5,570 per week ($\$174 \times 8 \times 4$). Anticipated cost savings to AMHS would be \$30,430 per week or \$1,582,360 per year.

In addition the Angoon Ferry Terminal mooring and transfer system is in need of refurbishment. Incorporating the above improvements will increase AMHS's ability to improve the level of service and efficiency of service to Angoon.