

**Whittier: Airport Master Plan**

**FY2012 Request: \$125,000**  
**Reference No: 36254**

**AP/AL:** Allocation

**Project Type:** Research / Studies / Planning

**Category:** Transportation

**Location:** Whittier

**House District:** Chugach State Park (HD 32)

**Impact House District:** Chugach State Park (HD 32)

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2011 - 06/30/2018 **Contact Phone:** (907)269-0730

**Appropriation:** Airport Improvement Program

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Prepare an Airport Master Plan for the Whittier Airport. 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> | <u>FY2012</u> | <u>FY2013</u> | <u>FY2014</u> | <u>FY2015</u> | <u>FY2016</u> | <u>FY2017</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Fed Rcpts       | \$125,000     |               |               |               |               |               | \$125,000    |
| <b>Total:</b>   | \$125,000     | \$0           | \$0           | \$0           | \$0           | \$0           | \$125,000    |

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| <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 |
| 5% = 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             |              |
| <b>Totals:</b>       | 0             | 0            |

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

\$325,000 - Ch 43 SLA 2010 Sec 7 pg 43 ln 20. Existing authorization will be combined with current request to fully fund the project.

**Project Description/Justification:**

This master plan will investigate options for a public airport in Whittier, Alaska. It will concentrate on the most feasible alternatives that came out of phase I of the study in 2003. The existing Whittier Airport is on leased Alaska Railroad Corporation lands, is only 1,480 x 58 feet long, and is in generally poor condition. The airport is completely non-standard and operations are generally only possible in one direction. It is important to have an emergency landing strip in Whittier for times when weather closes the pass and aircraft are forced to land. Whittier is a popular recreational destination and receives use by recreational and local pilots. Providing a safe airport/landing area for this community, with its limited access to the highway system, is an important community goal.