

Statewide - Project Design Initiative

FY2012 Request: \$7,000,000

Reference No: 51896

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Construction

Category: Transportation

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2011 - 06/30/2018 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-3906

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This amendment is a new FY2012 capital request to fund the design of new projects statewide. Due to the increased project activity with ARRA funding, continuing resolutions, and low construction bids; the department does not currently have enough projects "on the shelf" to ensure full obligation of federal funding.

Funding:	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$5,000,000						\$5,000,000
Gen Fund	\$2,000,000						\$2,000,000
Total:	\$7,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,000,000

<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
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

None, this is the first year for this project.

Project Description/Justification:

Federal projects take an average of seven years to be bid ready due to federal funding rules. Only currently active design projects, far along, are possible candidates to meet annual federal obligation requirements. Obligation of construction funds requires the project be fully designed, permitted and right-of way certified. It must also be in the STIP.

In federal fiscal year (FFY) 2010, the year-end STIP list of obligated projects changed 75% from the beginning of the year. This is mainly due to project delays; which are caused by environmental and permitting issues, certifying right-of-way which can hold up a major project for years and human resource workloads due to vacancies and increased funding levels since 2006.

It is imperative we have an adequate amount of projects on the shelf in order to address the current and future needs of Alaska, while ensuring Alaska does not lose federal funding through FHWA reallocation to other states.