

Whittier - Maintenance and Operations

FY2013 Request: \$2,900,000

Reference No: 38304

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Life / Health / Safety

Category: Transportation

Location: Anchorage Areawide

House District: Anchorage Areawide (HD 17-32)

Impact House District: Anchorage Areawide (HD 17-32)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2019 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-3900

Appropriation: Surface Transportation Program

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Provide federal-aid funds for the eligible portion of costs to operate and maintain the Whittier Tunnel Facility. The project will provide funding on an annual basis for the duration of the VMS, Inc. Operations Contract, 2009 to 2014.

Funding:	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$2,900,000						\$2,900,000
Total:	\$2,900,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,900,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" 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:

\$2,200,000 - Ch 5 FSSLA 2011 Sec 1 Pg 117 Ln 12; \$2,100,000 - Ch 43 SLA 2010 Sec 7 pg 53 In 28; \$2,000,000 - Ch 29 SLA 2008 Sec 13 pg 172 In 14; \$2,000,000 - Ch 30 SLA 2007 Sec 4 pg 117 In 10; \$2,000,000- Ch 82 SLA 2006 Sec 1 pg 102 In 16; \$2,000,000 - Ch 3 FSSLA 2005 Sec 1 pg 85 In 18; \$4,000,000 - Ch 82 SLA 2003 Sec 1 pg 54 In 25. This is an annual program funded through the current approved Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Prior funding authorization is utilized on an annual basis.

Project Description/Justification:

The Whittier Tunnel is a vital link to the City of Whittier and beyond via the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) service, and provides needed access through the mountain for residents, tourists and commercial freight services via cars, trucks, buses and train. Maintenance of the tunnel is important for safety of the traveling public as well as efficiency of operation.

This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.