

Cultural and Historic Resource Evaluation Streamlining

FY2013 Request: \$450,000

Reference No: 54950

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Research / Studies / Planning

Category: Transportation

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2019

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Appropriation: Surface Transportation Program

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This is a new FY2013 capital project due to the submission and approval of the new 2012 - 2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which occurred after the December 15th release of the Governor's budget. This project will fund a liaison position in the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the Department of Natural Resources. This position will be the focal point for cultural and historic resource approvals on all of the Department's projects, providing accelerated coordination activities with the regions, project review, contacts with interested parties, determination of adverse effects, among other duties. This liaison position will greatly reduce project delivery time.

Funding:	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$450,000						\$450,000
Total:	\$450,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$450,000

<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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Project Description/Justification:

Regulatory authority for SHPO review of federal and State projects developed by DOT&PF is provided under Section 106 and AS 41.35.070.

Section 106 requires federal agencies whose undertakings may affect historic properties to take the properties into consideration and consult with SHPO and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to avoid or reduce any adverse effects.

AS 41.35.070 requires that before State funded public construction is undertaken, the Department of Natural Resources must determine if historic, prehistoric, or archaeological resources would be adversely affected and if so, perform all necessary investigation, recording, and salvage of the site(s).

In addition, FHWA, FTA and FAA environmental documents developed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 1969, require consultation with SHPO in order to determine the State of Alaska Capital Project Summary Department of Transportation/Public Facilities

significance of potential project impacts of historic resources.

Current and projected workloads and funding at the Office of History and Archeology (OHA) are such that OHA project review and compliance staff are generally unable to participate in NEPA scoping meetings and must devote their project participation to Section 106 and AS 41.35.070 review and compliance.

Additionally, there is need to reduce the amount of time that it is taking DOT&PF internally to develop regional project documentation related to historic and prehistoric properties and resources, especially with the current and projected workloads at DOT&PF. Incomplete submittal packages to SHPO for concurrence can result in requests for additional information.