

Highways Deferred Maintenance**FY2014 Request: \$15,735,700****Reference No: 51539****AP/AL:** Allocation**Project Type:** Deferred Maintenance**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Statewide**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact:** Pat Kemp**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2018 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-3900**Appropriation:** Deferred Maintenance, Renewal, Repair and Equipment**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Funding is requested to address highways deferred maintenance needs.

Funding:	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$15,735,700						\$15,735,700
Total:	\$15,735,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,735,700

<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	
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Please see attached backup document for project listing.

Project Description/Justification:

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is responsible for maintaining more than 15,000 lane miles of public roads statewide. Approximately 4,000 of those lane miles are gravel. There are more than 13,000 culverts that need to be maintained and approximately 45,000 highway signs. Under requirements established by the Federal Highway Administration, the department is also responsible for inspecting 953 bridges on publicly owned roads. These include 788 bridges owned by the Department with the balance owned by other state agencies, cities, and boroughs.

Current department data indicate that maintenance activities such as vegetation management have fallen to a lower level as maintenance allocations in the operating budget have been stretched thinner. Higher priority activities such as pothole repair, pavement striping, and culverts and ditching have consumed the available funding. In order to maintain a higher service level and therefore higher customer satisfaction, vegetation management efforts along roadsides are critical deferred maintenance activities that improve sight distances and remove food sources and camouflage for large animals such as moose (safety) and preserve road surface integrity by improving drainage and reducing edge cracking.