

Project Acceleration Account

FY2014 Request: \$3,000,000

Reference No: 54136

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: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2018 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-3900

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This account is intended to accelerate projects and realize efficiencies in two distinct manners: (1) to accelerate the rapid completion of non-federal funded projects and (2) to fund steps within federally funded projects that can significantly accelerate the completion of such projects in a manner not possible with federal funds alone, such as the advance purchase of property for Right-of-Way.

Funding:	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	Total
Gen Fund	\$3,000,000						\$3,000,000
Total:	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000

<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

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P133 L16 SB160 \$4,500,000

Project Description/Justification:

Many non-federally funded projects are partially funded in the capital budget and may not receive additional funding if the original amount is insufficient to complete the desired work. Lacking access to follow-up funding, the department is faced with the choice of reducing the scope of work, simply not carrying the project forward to completion or applying federal funds to the project to fulfill its budgetary needs. None of these choices are ideal for various reasons.

The use of this new project acceleration account would allow these projects to receive additional state funds so that full project scope is accomplished. New projects are not the intended purpose of this account; it is intended to only be used on projects that have a prior Legislation appropriation, but such appropriation is not sufficient to complete the project.

In the case of federally-funded projects, the key need is often a non-federal source of funds to accomplish limited steps in a manner that can dramatically accelerate its schedule. For example, DOT&PF may wish to advertise a federal-aid project using state funds when federal approval is imminent but not yet in hand. Even saving a few weeks prior to a full construction season can dramatically aid a project's schedule. In other examples, we might work to acquire right-of-way while waiting on federal approval. Since federal approvals are consecutive and limit how fast projects

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proceed, the judicious use of non-federal funds to accomplish small but key tasks when federal funds are not yet eligible, can assist the department, the communities, and the public with the completion of these projects alike.

Since this account is a new tool for DOT&PF in its goal of accelerating projects with the judicious application of state funds, we will prepare a report each year on how the funding was used, and how each application of funds worked to accelerate or further the completion of projects.