

Statewide - Off-System Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement for State and Local Bridges **FY2015 Request: \$2,500,000**
Reference No: 54091

AP/AL: Allocation **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Transportation
Location: Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact:** Jeff Ottesen
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2019 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-4070
Appropriation: Asset Management

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

There currently are numerous off-system bridges - those not located on the higher level roads known as the Federal-Aid system - located in Ketchikan and the Matanuska-Susitna, Kenai Peninsula, Fairbanks-North Star, and Juneau Boroughs, as well as other locations that are in poor condition. This funding would work toward correcting or replacing bridges using a priority based on the structural rating and other factors of these bridges.

Funding:	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$2,500,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000		\$26,500,000
Total:	\$2,500,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$0	\$26,500,000

<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

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P79 L17 SB18 \$2,000,000
 Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P133 L18 SB160 \$3,000,000

Project Description/Justification:

A large number of state and local bridges (more than 52% of all bridges statewide) are now considered "Off-System". This is a new federal definition found in federal transportation legislation (MAP-21) passed in 2012. By the new definition, an off-system bridge is one found on a public road that is not part of the National Highway System (NHS). With MAP-21 now giving emphasis to the NHS roads and bridges, federal funds to pay for off-system bridge work are down sharply.

Many of the off-system bridges are quite old (some in Ketchikan are over 100 years old), and age related deterioration is a big concern. If made of timber or steel, then rot and rust can lead to structural weakening. Even with bridges overall being given much higher priority than in the recent past, it will be many years before all of the off-system bridges are allocated the limited federal dollars.