

Whittier Tunnel - Maintenance and Operations

FY2015 Request: \$2,500,000

Reference No: 38304

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Life / Health / Safety

Category: Transportation

Location: Whittier

House District: Kodiak/Cordova (HD 35)

Impact House District: Kodiak/Cordova (HD 35)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2019

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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>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$2,500,000						\$2,500,000
Total:	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500,000

<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	
Totals:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P96 L12 SB18 \$2,500,000
 Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P150 L17 SB160 \$2,900,000
 Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P117 L12 SB46 \$2,200,000
 Sec7 Ch43 SLA2010 P53 L28 SB230 \$2,100,000
 Sec13 Ch29 SLA2008 P172 L14 SB221 \$2,000,000
 Sec4 Ch30 SLA2007 P117 L10 SB53 \$2,000,000

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.