

Whittier Tunnel - Maintenance and Operations

FY2016 Request: \$1,600,000
Reference No: 38304

AP/AL: Allocation
Category: Transportation
Location: Whittier

Project Type: Life / Health / Safety
House District: Richardson Hwy/East Mat-Su (HD 9)

Impact House District: Matsu Areawide (HD 7-12)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2015 - 06/30/2020
Appropriation: Surface Transportation Program

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project will provide federal-aid funding for eligible costs to operate and maintain the Whittier Tunnel Facility.

Funding:	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$1,600,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$13,600,000
Total:	\$1,600,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$13,600,000

<input checked="" 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
9% = 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 Ch18 SLA2014 P77 L20 SB119 \$2,500,000
- 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.