

Homer - Beluga Lake Float Plane Base Improvements **FY2017 Request: \$2,500,000**
Reference No: 61021

AP/AL: Allocation **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Transportation
Location: Homer **House District:** Homer/South Kenai (HD 31)
Impact House District: Kenai Areawide (HD 29-31) **Contact:** John Binder
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2021 **Contact Phone:** (907)269-0730
Appropriation: Airport Improvement Program

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Construct an access road from Homer Airport to Beluga Lake, an access ramp into the lake, a rescue boat house, and lakeside floats for transient parking and associated improvements.

Funding:	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>Total</u>
1002 Fed Rcpts	\$2,500,000						\$2,500,000
Total:	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500,000

<input checked="" 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
5% = 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:

No prior funding history.

Project Description/Justification:

There is no direct public access from Homer Airport directly to Beluga Lake. Operators who must haul aircraft on trailers from Beluga Lake must travel on Sterling Highway to Ocean Drive, then down Kachemak Drive to the Homer Airport General Aviation tie down and hangar area. This requires a permit to close the highway when the aircraft are in transit. Emergency response equipment is currently housed on the south side of Homer Airport. This causes lengthy response times to accidents at Beluga Lake.

The maintenance and operating costs at this airport are expected to increase by approximately \$10,000/year beginning in 2018.