

Denali Commission Infrastructure

FY2022 Request: \$15,000,000

Reference No: AMD 63436

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Research / Studies / Planning

Category: Development

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2026

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Appropriation: Surface Transportation Program

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project will enable the Denali Commission to execute on targeted surface transportation projects in rural Alaska. The Denali Commission was established with a focus on promoting rural development in bulk fuel storage, power generation, health care facilities, surface transportation and waterfront facilities, communication systems, and specialty housing. The Denali Commission Act affords the agency significant latitude and authority to address issues facing rural Alaska.

Funding:	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>Total</u>
1002 Fed Rcpts	\$15,000,000						\$15,000,000
1265 COVID Fed							\$0
Total:	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000

<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"/> Ongoing
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" 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:

Project Description/Justification:

This allocation is intended to revitalize the Denali Commission surface transportation program to provide critical access to and between rural and remote communities. From 2006 to 2021 the Commission received approximately \$125 million of direct appropriations from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Authority (FTA), which was matched by \$400 million from other sources including the State of Alaska. The Commission's road projects included new road construction, design, realignments, community street upgrades, storm drainage, access road improvements, dust control, boardwalks, and road paving, resurfacing, and rehabilitation. Rural Alaska faces a well-documented unmet need related to transportation infrastructure as well as age, environmental and climate risks to existing infrastructure.

Possible future projects under evaluation include:

- Noatak to Red Dog Mine Delong Mountain Transportation System
- Kaktovik to Dalton Highway
- Yukon-Kuskokwim Freight and Energy Surface Transportation Corridor
- Southeast road and bridge links
- Arctic Strategic Transportation and Resource Project (ASTAR) network
- Rampart Village to Elliot Highway
- Max Italo road reconstruction
- Shungnak to Kobuk Road
- Point Hope materials site access