

Airport Improvement Program

FY2023 Request: \$0
Reference No: 7470

AP/AL: Appropriation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Statewide**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact:** Dom Pannone**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2026**Contact Phone:** (907)465-2956**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Federal airport improvements are outlined in the Airport Improvement Program and the International Airports Program. The Airport Improvement Program (AIP) provides grants to public entities, like the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), for planning and development of public-use airports. Eligible projects include improvements related to enhancing airport safety, capacity, security, and environmental concerns. In general, sponsors can get AIP funds for most airfield capital improvements or rehabilitation projects and in some specific situations, for terminals, hangars, and non-aviation development. Certain professional services that are necessary can also be eligible.

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	\$70,000,000						\$70,000,000
1027 Int Airprt	\$3,400,000						\$3,400,000
Total:	\$73,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$73,400,000

State Match Required
 One-Time Project
 Phased - new
 Phased - underway
 Ongoing
0% = Minimum State Match % Required
 Amendment
 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:

See project allocations for detailed project descriptions.

Project Description/Justification:**Alaska International Airport Systems (AIAS)**

The AIAS Operating Agreement, effective FY2014, is a ten-year agreement signed by the majority of AIAS customer airlines, consisting of regional, domestic, international, passenger, and cargo operators. The AIAS Operating Agreement successfully represents a collaborative process to address commercial interests and the public interest of Alaskans. It establishes rates, fees, roles and responsibilities for the State of Alaska and airline partners; use of terminal and airfield space; and outlines long-term funding commitments by the Signatory Airlines in guaranteeing funding for future operating and capital improvement project costs.

The AIAS is operated as a state-owned enterprise fund under the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF). Each year, this project provides for AIAS projects based on the amount and type of funds estimated to be available to the state in a fiscal year.

Rural Airport System Projects

DOT&PF receives federal funding through the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). In general, AIP funds are used for projects that enhance airport safety, capacity, security, and environmental concerns. Most airfield capital improvements, repairs, property acquisition, and professional services (such as planning, surveying, and design) are eligible.

All projects must meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulatory and policy requirements regarding adequate justification and compliance with FAA design standards, in addition to meeting all federal environmental, permitting, and procurement requirements.

Proposed airport project needs are collected and entered into the DOT&PF's Alaska Airport Needs Directory and AIP Needs list through input from aviation interests, community representatives, FAA staff, the Alaska State Legislature, and DOT&PF staff.

DOT&PF scores projects based on aviation criteria and guidance and prepares detailed project nomination sheets and estimates for most major construction projects. Criteria include safety, health and quality of life, economic development, maintenance and operations issues, local capital contribution to project cost, and others. The project nomination goes through a regional screening and then is evaluated by the Aviation Project Evaluation Board. This board scores project nominations statewide. The highest scoring projects are then ranked competitively and the highest ranking projects are considered for inclusion in the AIP Spending Plan. In some cases, projects are included in the Spending Plan based on federal requirements from the FAA or the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

The AIP Spending Plan is a planning and programming document that is continuously revised to adjust for project schedules and cost estimate changes as projects develop. Should a scheduled project encounter delays and be unable to advance as proposed, if actual project bids come in lower than estimated, or if sufficient funds are identified for other reasons, the Department selects alternative or supplemental projects from the AIP Spending Plan that best serve the interests of the state in the maintenance and operation of the aviation system.

To be eligible to receive federal funding to construct an AIP project, the project must meet the following prerequisites:

- Project prioritized (scored and ranked for most major construction projects)
- Project is included in the AIP Spending Plan
- Adequate Legislative authority obtained
- Environmental analysis completed and approved by FAA
- Airport Layout Plan approved by FAA
- Airspace coordination completed by FAA
- Sufficient land interests have been acquired
- Project design completed and approved by FAA

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Projects may be added or deleted over time as the Spending Plan evolves. Please check http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdav/documents/Rural_Airport_System_AIP_Spending_Plan.pdf for the most up-to-date AIP Spending Plan.