

**AP/AL:** Appropriation      **Project Type:** Construction  
**Category:** Public Protection  
**Location:** Fairbanks (Areawide)      **House District:** Fairbanks Areawide (HD 31 - 35)  
**Impact House District:** Fairbanks Areawide (HD 31 - 35)      **Contact:** Dianna Thornton  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2030      **Contact Phone:** (907)465-5501

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Public Safety (DPS) is requesting continued funding for the Fairbanks Trooper post renovation. This project, central to the unified public safety approach, builds on the \$5,650,000 secured in FY2024 as part of a phased plan to modernize and expand the primary law enforcement hub serving Alaska’s interior regions. The new evidence facility will replace existing connex storage structures that are contaminated with black mold, lack climate control, and are insufficient to meet current and projected needs.

Funding:	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	Total
1004 Gen Fund	\$6,204,400						\$6,204,400
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,204,400</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,204,400</b>

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input 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
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

Sec14 Ch1 SLA2023 P15 L5 HB39 \$5,650,000

This project funds a new evidence facility at the Fairbanks Trooper Post, addressing critical safety and operational needs. Originally planned as a full post renovation, the project was rescoped due to rising costs to focus on replacing unsafe evidence storage contaminated with black mold. The new facility will provide secure storage, inspection bays, and site improvements, ensuring staff safety and supporting growing evidence management demands in Alaska’s Interior.

**Project Description/Justification:**

Since FY2024, the Fairbanks Post renovation project has advanced significantly, with foundational work including wetland delineation, topographic surveys, site improvement civil drawings, a concept design for a joint operations center, and geotechnical drilling and environmental sampling. These efforts have prepared the site for a focused and efficient construction phase.

The rescope project prioritizes constructing a critically needed evidence building and associated site improvements. Demolition will include removing the helicopter pad, impound lot, cold storage containers, and outdated site lighting. New facilities will feature a garage, lockers, two pull-through inspection bays, a modern evidence suite, an impound lot, site fencing, improved driving and walking surfaces, updated lighting, signage, and advanced mechanical systems.

With an estimated design cost of \$11,854,400, this phase targets the department’s most pressing infrastructure needs. The new evidence facility will directly enhance operational capabilities while supporting a joint operations center in collaboration with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, demonstrating the state’s commitment to a unified public safety strategy.



**Detailed Project Costs:**

**\$1,105,900:** Architectural and engineering services, reduced in scope due to project adjustments, supporting design, engineering, and site development; funds will be expended by March 2025.

**\$356,100:** Site fencing contract to ensure security and readiness.

**\$10,392,400:** Construction costs for the evidence building and site work, with construction expected to begin in May/June 2025 after the competitive bid process in March 2025.

**Funding Breakdown:**

**Funding to Date:** \$5,650,000 appropriated in FY24 for initial project phases.

**Funding Gap:** \$6,204,400 additional capital funding needed to complete the project.

Public Safety and Operational Impact: The Fairbanks Post, a key hub for law enforcement in Alaska’s interior, is over 40 years old and has never received significant renovations. Current evidence storage, reliant on undersized connex structures, fails to meet increasing caseload demands and presents major health and safety risks, including black mold contamination and lack of climate control.

The new evidence building will resolve these deficiencies, protect the integrity of evidence storage, and ensure the safety of department personnel.

