

Whittier - Maintenance and Operations

FY2013 Request: \$2,900,000
Reference No: 38304

AP/AL: Allocation**Project Type:** Life / Health / Safety**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Anchorage Areawide**House District:** Anchorage Areawide (HD 17-32)**Impact House District:** Anchorage Areawide (HD 17-32)**Contact:** Pat Kemp**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2019 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-3900**Appropriation:** Surface Transportation Program**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Provide federal-aid funds for the eligible portion of costs to operate and maintain the Whittier Tunnel Facility. The project will provide funding on an annual basis for the duration of the VMS, Inc. Operations Contract, 2009 to 2014.

Funding:	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$2,900,000	\$2,900,000					\$5,800,000
Total:	\$2,900,000	\$2,900,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,800,000

<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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

\$2,200,000 - Ch 5 FSSLA 2011 Sec 1 Pg 117 Ln 12; \$2,100,000 - Ch 43 SLA 2010 Sec 7 pg 53 In 28; \$2,000,000 - Ch 29 SLA 2008 Sec 13 pg 172 In 14; \$2,000,000 - Ch 30 SLA 2007 Sec 4 pg 117 In 10; \$2,000,000 - Ch 82 SLA 2006 Sec 1 pg 102 In 16; \$2,000,000 - Ch 3 FSSLA 2005 Sec 1 pg 85 In 18; \$4,000,000 - Ch 82 SLA 2003 Sec 1 pg 54 In 25. 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.

This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.