

**Whittier Tunnel - Maintenance and Operations****FY2017 Request: \$4,000,000****Reference No: 38304****AP/AL:** Allocation**Project Type:** Life / Health / Safety**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Whittier**House District:** Matsu Areawide (HD 7-12)**Impact House District:** Matsu Areawide (HD 7-12)**Contact:** Mike Vigue**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2021**Contact Phone:** (907)465-4070**Appropriation:** Surface Transportation Program**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project will provide federal-aid funding for eligible costs to operate and maintain the Whittier Tunnel Facility.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2017</b>	<b>FY2018</b>	<b>FY2019</b>	<b>FY2020</b>	<b>FY2021</b>	<b>FY2022</b>	<b>Total</b>
1002 Fed Rcpts	\$4,000,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000		\$13,600,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,400,000</b>	<b>\$2,400,000</b>	<b>\$2,400,000</b>	<b>\$2,400,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$13,600,000</b>

<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	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

Sec1 Ch38 SLA2015 P17 L4 SB26 \$1,600,000  
 Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P77 L20 SB119 \$2,500,000  
 Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P96 L12 SB18 \$2,500,000  
 Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P150 L17 SB160 \$2,900,000  
 Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P117 L12 SB46 \$2,200,000  
 Sec7 Ch43 SLA2010 P53 L28 SB230 \$2,100,000  
 Sec13 Ch29 SLA2008 P172 L14 SB221 \$2,000,000  
 Sec4 Ch30 SLA2007 P117 L10 SB53 \$2,000,000

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:**

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**Department of Transportation and Public Facilities**  
**Surface Transportation Program**  
**Whittier Tunnel – Maintenance and Operations**

<b>Subject of RPL:</b> Whittier Access and Tunnel 5001(d) CARES Funding	<b>ADN/RPL #:</b> 25-2020-8776
<b>Amount requested:</b> \$1,219,100	<b>Appropriation Authority:</b> Sec 1 Ch 2 4FSSLA 2016 Pg 17 Ln 28
<b>Funding source:</b> Federal Receipts (1002) FY2017 Capital	<b>Statutory Authority:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AS 37.20.010 Acceptance of federal grants and transfers of property</li><li>• AS 44.42.060 Grants to the Department</li><li>• 49 U.S.C. § 5301 Transportation</li><li>• 23 U.S.C. § 101 Highways</li></ul>

**PURPOSE**

Funding will be used to cover unbudgeted and unanticipated operating and maintenance costs and expenditures related to ensuring continuity of operations and program delivery within this appropriation. 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, 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.

Funding will be used to cover unbudgeted and unanticipated operating and maintenance costs related to ensuring continuity of operations and program delivery within this appropriation. The Department will also undergo a needs assessment to determine high priority deferred maintenance work that may be covered with these funds.

**PREVIOUS LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATION**

No previous consideration has been given by legislature.

**TIMING ISSUES**

The CARES act funding was not available until after the Legislature went into recess.

**BUDGETARY ISSUES**

This funding will allow for stability in the Program as well as ensure continuity in the operations. This RPL is being resubmitted with technical and conforming changes requested by the Legislative Finance Division.

*Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment:* The original version of this RPL added this funding to the Commissioner's Office along with two other unrelated items. That version of the RPL was legally problematic because the existing appropriation to the Commissioner's Office did not contain funding for any of the three purposes in the RPL. The revised RPL increases an FY17 capital appropriation of federal funds for the same purpose.

This appears to be a proper use of CARES Act funds that is consistent with federal guidance. To enable legislative tracking, Legislative Finance will assign federal Covid-19 fund code 1265 to federal appropriations associated with Covid-19. There are no technical issues with the revised RPL.