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To whom it may concern:

The Municipality of Skagway supports the inclusion of the projects in the 2018 – 2021 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) draft, and requests amending Project 13883 Skagway Terminal Modifications and adding an additional project.

The Municipality of Skagway requests that Project 13883 is amended from a refurbishment to a replacement project. According to AMHS staff, refurbishment of the Skagway ferry float will only add five to 10 years of life to the facility, while replacement will have up to a 30-year life span. More importantly, refurbishment will only allow side berthing and not the operationally efficient bow loading needed to facilitate the new Alaska Class ferries.

As you may know, the northern Lynn Canal ferry route is one of the busiest, and our economy is highly reliant on efficient ferry service in order to support cruise ship visitation and visitors using the Klondike Highway. Though oil prices may have dampened the State's budget, investing in projects that do not adequately address public needs will only serve to dampen local economies, which compounds the negative effects to the State's overall fiscal situation. There has been much discussion between Skagway and State officials about this project, and a funding plan can be developed to effectuate this goal.

We also request that you consider for STIP planning the widening of the Klondike Highway, particularly the north-bound lanes and U.S. Customs station. Cruise ship visitation has been increasing significantly and is expected to do so for the foreseeable future. As the Gateway to the Klondike, Skagway knows that mining is on an upswing, and Skagway serves as an important import/export corridor for mining products and supplies, as well as for staple supplies such as groceries and other goods for citizens of the Yukon Territory. The demands on the highway are heavy now, and new demands will make the situation worse. The Department of Transportation needs to be ahead of this situation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Scott A. Hahn
Skagway Borough Manager

STATE OF ALASKA, DOT&PF DIVISION OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT NOTICE:

**The 2018-2021 Draft STIP is open for public comment.
Public Comment period closes March 16, 2018 at 5:00pm AKST.**

The 2018-2021 Draft STIP is currently available for public review and comment.

Links to notice details are available at:

- <http://www.dot.alaska.gov/stip>
- The notice is also posted on the State's Public Notice site at: <http://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/>
- A bulletin will also be sent electronically to our current subscribers through the department's "GovDelivery" system – anyone can sign up for GovDelivery online at: <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/>

If a hard copy of the STIP Project Changes is needed, please contact DOT&PF using the following information.

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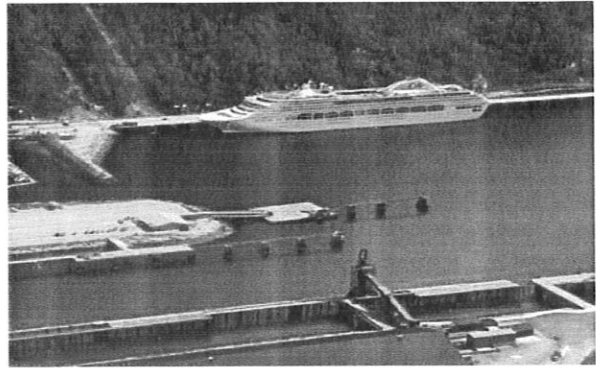
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**2016-2019 Alaska Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment 3; Approved June 28, 2017**

Need ID: 13883
Title: Skagway Terminal Modifications
Region: Marine Highways
Place Name: Skagway
Highway: Marine Highway



Project Description:
 Modify float for AMHS ferries.

Phase	Fund	FFY17	FFY18	FFY19	After2019
Construction	AC	4,400,000	0	0	
Construction	ACC	0	-4,400,000	0	
Construction	FBF	0	4,400,000	0	
Construction	SM	1,100,000	0	0	
Totals:		5,500,000	0	0	0

Program: Alaska Highway System	Sponsor: ADOT/PF
Primary Work: Ferry Boats	PEB Score:
2013 Election District: 33 Downtown Juneau/Douglas/Haines/Skagway	Criteria:
Borough/Census Area: Skagway, Municipality and Borough	Functional Class: Unclassified
Municipal Planning Org. (MPO): non-MPO	



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Need ID: 24337
Title: Skagway - State Street Rehabilitation
Region: Southcoast
Place Name: Skagway
Highway: N/A

Project Description:
 Resurface State St. in Skagway and rehabilitate the subgrade and storm drain system as needed. Rehabilitate sidewalks per needs identified in Southcoast Region.



Phase	Fund	FFY17	FFY18	FFY19	After2019
Right of Way	NHPP	0	9,097	0	
Right of Way	SM	0	903	0	
Construction	AC	0	9,642,820	0	
Construction	ACC	0	0	-9,642,820	
Construction	NHPP	0	0	9,642,820	
Construction	SM	0	957,180	0	
Utilities	NHPP	0	9,097	0	
Utilities	SM	0	903	0	
Totals:		0	10,620,000	0	0

Program: Community Transportation Program	Sponsor: City of Skagway
Primary Work: Reconstruction	PEB Score:
2013 Election District: 33 Downtown Juneau/Douglas/Haines/Skagway	Criteria: Urban and Rural
Borough/Census Area: Skagway, Municipality and Borough	Functional Class: Rural Local Road
Municipal Planning Org. (MPO): non-MPO	



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Need ID: 28791

Title: AMHS Wastewater Treatment System Upgrades

Region: Marine Highways

Place Name: Various

Highway: Marine Highway

Project Description:

Replace or modify existing wastewater treatment systems at the AMHS ferry terminal facilities in Haines, Skagway, Sitka and Juneau.



Phase	Fund	FFY17	FFY18	FFY19	After2019
Construction	FBF	1,600,000	0	0	
Construction	SM	400,000	0	0	
Totals:		2,000,000	0	0	0

Program: Alaska Highway System	Sponsor:
Primary Work: Ferry Boats	PEB Score:
2013 Election District: 91 Southcoast Region	Criteria:
Borough/Census Area: Various Boroughs	Functional Class:
Municipal Planning Org. (MPO): not identified	



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Need ID: 28669

Title: Haines Ferry Terminal End Berth Facility

Region: Marine Highways

Place Name: Haines

Highway: Marine Highway

Project Description:

The purpose of this project is to modify the existing Haines ferry terminal to accommodate end loading of AMHS ferry vessels.



Phase	Fund	FFY17	FFY18	FFY19	After2019
Design	ACC	-1,137,125	0	0	
Design	FBF	1,737,125	0	0	
Design	SM	150,000	0	0	
Construction	FBF	20,000,000	0	0	
Construction	SM	5,000,000	0	0	
Totals:		25,750,000	0	0	0

Program: Alaska Highway System	Sponsor:
Primary Work: Ferry Boats	PEB Score:
2013 Election District: 33 Downtown Juneau/Douglas/Haines/Skagway	Criteria:
Borough/Census Area: Various Boroughs	Functional Class:
Municipal Planning Org. (MPO): non-MPO	

