

# MEMORANDUM

# State of Alaska

Department of Transportation & Public Facilities  
Planning and Program Development  
Headquarters

**TO:** Ryan Anderson, P.E.  
Commissioner

**DATE:** February 15, 2023

**THRU:** James Marks, Director   
Planning & Program Development

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**FROM:** Maren Brantner   
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**SUBJECT:** 2020-2023 Administrative  
Modification #15

This is Administrative Modification #15 to the 2020-2023 Alaska Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This revision requests a funding increase for Need ID 32299 Takotna River Bridge Replacement to cover unanticipated expenses. According to the STIP Revisions Procedures, these financial changes qualify as an Administrative Modification, as the increases fall within the cost threshold guidance.

These revisions are effective immediately upon approval by the Commissioner. This Administrative Modification will be posted to the STIP web page and the changes will be incorporated into the approved STIP document in the form of this approved memo.

The public notice and comment provisions of the regulations were addressed for these projects during their inclusion in prior approved STIPs. Fiscal constraint is maintained because the increase in programmed funds is minimal, and the funding request will move forward only with available obligation limitation.

This STIP revision was developed in compliance with Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations Section 450 and the State planning regulations (17 AAC 05.195). This project is not in a maintenance or non-attainment area, as such no conformity analysis is required.

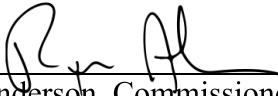
As specified in 23 CFR §450.218, the State certifies that the transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

- (1) 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5304, and this part;
- (2) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 200d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- (3) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- (4) Section 1101(b) of the SAFETEA-LU (Pub. L. 109-59) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;

- (5) 23 CFR part 230, regarding implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- (6) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.* and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38);
- (7) Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
- (8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance;
- (9) Section 324 of Title 23 U.S.C., regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and,
- (10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

Attachments:      Admin Mod 15 Spreadsheet  
                         Admin Mod 15 Request Email

Approved:

  
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Ryan Anderson, Commissioner

2-23-23  
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Date

Cc:            Liz Balstad, Federal Aid Program Manager, DOT&PF  
                 Ned Conroy, Transportation Planner, FTA  
                 Julie Jenkins, Acting Statewide Program Team Lead, FHWA  
                 James Marks, Director, Program Development & Statewide Planning, DOT&PF  
                 Adam Moser, Chief, Program Development & Statewide Planning, DOT&PF  
                 Todd Vanhove, Chief, Central Region Field Office, DOT&PF

**STIP 2020-2023  
Administrative Modification #15**

Project							Approved Amendment 5					Pending Admin Mod 15								
Need ID: 32299 Name: Takotna River Bridge Replacment							Ph	Fund	FFY22	FFY23	After 2023	Ph	Fund	FFY22	FFY23	After 2023				
Program	Region	2013 Election District		Place Name	Highway	Primary Work	Bridge #s	4	SFF	9,096,600	0		4	SFF	10,400,000	0				
CTP	C	37 - Bristol Bay/Aleutians/Upper Kuskokwim		Takotna	N/A	Bridge Replacement	463	4	SM	903,000	0		4	SM	1,100,000	0				
<b>Description:</b> Replace existing 80 year old bridge over the Takotna River (bridge #0464), that is severely weight restricted.							<b>Totals:</b>				9,999,600	0	0	<b>Totals:</b>				11,500,000	0	0

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## Brantner, Maren H (DOT)

**From:** Balstad, Liz (DOT)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 8:46 AM  
**To:** Brantner, Maren H (DOT); Vanhove, Todd E (DOT)  
**Cc:** Campbell, Jesse (DOT); Sakalaskas, Jason (DOT); Moser, Adam (DOT); Gullufsen, Stacy M (DOT); Harl, Diana D (DOT)  
**Subject:** RE: 0106(094) / CFHWY00428 MCHUGH RWIS TOWER UPGRADE

Thanks Maren,

This is great news!

Would it also be possible to add an Admin Mod for Need ID 32299 Takotna River Bridge Replacement?

Similarly, this project is in for an ATP at \$11,409,210, the STIP reflects \$9,999,600. The request is 12% above the total STIP ID, so an Admin Mod would be sufficient. This ID also needs a technical correction, the ID reflects Takotna River Bridge # 0464, the actual bridge # is #0463.

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For McHugh:

Need ID: 31471 Name: McHugh RWIS Tower Upgrade						
Program	Region	2013 Election District	Place Name	Highway	Primary Work	Bridge #s
REQD	H	28 - South Anchorage	Anchorage	Seward Highway	ITS	
<b>Description:</b> Demolish the existing McHugh RWIS Tower and its power supply which are located in ARCC ROW near Seward Highway MP 111.8. Install a new tower in DOT ROW near the existing tower location. Route power from an existing CEA pole to the new tower.						

McHugh was last in the STIP in FFY20 from what I could tell. So we would have to add it in here.

Thanks,  
Liz

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**From:** Brantner, Maren H (DOT) <maren.brantner@alaska.gov>  
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(DOT) <diana.harl@alaska.gov>

**Subject:** RE: 0106(094) / CFHWY00428 MCHUGH RWIS TOWER UPGRADE

Hi all,

Yes, I can process an admin mod request for this tomorrow.

If Todd or David can fill out this table with the requested changes and provide a brief reason for the request, I can start the process.

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Maren & Todd,

Would it be possible to have a STIP Admin Mod drafted and approved fairly quickly for the subject line project?

The project has come in for an increase in funding (attached) that is between the thresholds for an administrative modification for a project projected to need under \$3 million in funding, measuring a cost increase 10% < Cost Increase <50%.

$$\$91,576.00 / \$637,130.00 = 14.4\%$$

Because the current STIP only includes the current two years of funding, I used the original STIP ID for the funding comparison.

Thanks,

Liz

