

## ***Other Funding***

The President's FY 2007 Budget also includes funding in the amount of \$34.66 million for other statutorily-required purposes. Funding for the Denali Commission was established in SAFETEA-LU (49 USC 5309(m)(6)(C)), with \$5.00 million authorized for each fiscal year from 2006 to 2009. The Commission is designed to provide critical utilities, infrastructure, and economic support throughout Alaska, particularly in remote communities. As directed by Section 307(e) of Pub.L. 105-277, as amended (42 USC 3121 note Denali Commission Act of 1998, as amended), "The Secretary of Transportation is authorized to make direct lump sum payments to the Commission to construct docks, waterfront development projects, and related transportation infrastructure, provided the local community provides a ten percent non-Federal match in the form of any necessary land or planning and design funds."

SAFETEA-LU also reauthorized funds for Ferry Capital Projects in Alaska and Hawaii, with \$15.00 million in funding authorized each fiscal year from 2006 to 2009 for fixed guideway ferry systems and extension projects utilizing ferry boats, ferry boat terminals, or approaches to ferry boat terminals (49 USC 5309(m)(6)(B)).

Finally, \$14.66 million – one percent of the Section 5309 New Starts/Small Starts program – is included for Federal oversight of the planning, development, and construction of candidate projects.