



Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority

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Mr. Andrew V. Vorce
Director of Planning
Town & County of Nantucket
16 Broad Street
Nantucket, MA 02554

Reference: Transportation Improvement Plan

Dear Andrew;

I would like to request that the following Steamship Authority capital project be added to the list of Projects in Need of Funding as part of the Nantucket Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP):

	Project Title	Estimated Cost
WHMVNSA	Two (2) New Vehicle Transfer Bridges & Gallows.....	\$2,000,000

This project is eligible for partial funding through the Federal Highway Administration's Ferry Boat Formula Grant Program (FBP), as authorized under the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act*.

The Steamship Authority has currently been allocated \$1,639,763 under the FBP funding, based on a statutory formula. The scope and design of a certain project will be subject to approval by MassDOT and FHWA, our intent would be to request an amendment to have that project included in the current year's TIP. A more detailed description of the project is attached.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information in this regard.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Davis
General Manager

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Ferry Boat Formula Funding Program Application

1. Project Proponent:

Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority

The Steamship Authority is a public instrumentality created by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pursuant to Chapter 701 of the Acts of 1960, as amended, for the purpose of providing adequate transportation of persons and the necessities of life for the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

2. Project Description:

Construction of Two (2) New Vehicle Transfer Bridges, Gallows, counterweights and related equipment for the Steamship Authority's Nantucket Terminal.

The Authority requires the services of a Contractor to construct, deliver and install two (2) new vehicle transfer bridges & gallows. The project work also includes removal and disposal of the existing bridges & gallows, associated site work for utilities, installation of counterweights, new winches, and new transition plates. These transfer bridges will replace those installed in 1984, which are approaching the end of their useful lives for the safe transfer of vehicles and passengers. Replacement will also create an ADA accessible route for passengers.

3. Project Timing:

The proposed manufacture of the bridges and gallows would be scheduled for the spring of 2022 while site work would be scheduled for the fall of 2022, contingent upon securing State and/or Federal approval for use of existing funding. All work required for this project is to be completed within three hundred sixty-five (365) calendar days (approximately 12 months).

4. Project Funding:

The Steamship Authority project is expected to be funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Ferry Boat Formula Grant Program and by the Authority through available special-purpose funds designated for capital projects. Approximately eighty percent (80%) of the project's cost, or \$1,600,000, is expected to be spent in allocated FWHA FBP awards.

5. Other Relevant Facts:

The Steamship Authority has operated without deficit assessments against its port communities since 1962 and without any operating subsidies typically provided to similar ferry systems in other states. In 2020, the Authority transported 379,468 passengers, 63,088 automobiles and 48,310 trucks to or from Nantucket. In 2019, the Authority transported 578,649 passengers, 64,023 automobiles and 54,036 trucks to or from Nantucket.