

Projects to Continue Despite Fund Cuts

JUNEAU— A series of maintenance projects to improve and upgrade airfield facilities at eight locations around the state will proceed as scheduled despite a federal cutback in Federal Aid Airport Program funds for Alaska, Gov. Walter J. Hickel said this week.

The Governor announced that the state has been advised by the Federal Aviation Administration that Washington is cutting by \$5 million the state's airport funding for the first quarter for 1969.

The eight airport projects, to continue as scheduled because they are totally state-funded, are:

—King Salmon: Patching, compacting and seal coating of the taxiway and aircraft parking apron. Kay Inc. of Anchorage, the contractor on a job to seal coat the runway for the Air Force will also carry out the state work.

—Ambler: Rehabilitation of the runway to a useable length of about 1,800 feet; work to be carried out by the State Division of Aviation.

—Talkeetna: Runway re-graveling, to begin July 10 and be completed by Aug. 15.

—Galena and Barrow: New maintenance and sand storage buildings have been ordered for these two locations to improve the quality of maintenance needed to support the jet aircraft that will be operating in and out of these fields.

—Yakutat: Work is presently under way to patch and crack seal the runways that have deteriorated; work being carried out by the Alaska Department of Highways.

—Cold Bay: New runway centerline stripes and markings, along with improved maintenance facilities to serve this airfield, which has high jet usage.

—Gustavus: Runway centerline stripes and markings, along with crack sealing and patching.

The Governor said the total cost of all eight projects will be \$100,000.