

FEDERAL GRANT FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT

A Federal grant in the amount of \$2,240,438 for airport improvements at McGrath has been approved, the FAA announced today.

Lyle K. Brown, Director of FAA's Alaskan Region, said the grant was the first in Alaska since the July 12, 1976 signing of Airport and Airway Development Act Amendments of 1976. Under the Amendments, Alaska was apportioned \$21,145,297 in Federal funds for airport development. Included

ed was \$18,362,926 for air carrier airports and \$2,782,371 for general aviation airports.

Brown said work at McGrath will include overlay and seal coating of the main runway, medium intensity lighting for the runway, taxiway and apron, a crash-fire-rescue vehicle, runway marking and obstruction removal.

Construction will be carried out with matching state and Federal funds on a ratio of 93.75 per cent Federal to 6.25

percent state participation. The state portion at McGrath will amount to \$149,362 for a total project cost of \$2,389,800.

The Federal Airport Development Aid Program (ADAP) was signed into law in 1970 to encourage orderly and timely development of the nation's airport facilities. Amendments signed into law in July set forth apportionments on a national basis for both air carrier and general aviation airports. Before airport grants can

be made under the Act, airport sponsors—in the case of McGrath, the state—must comply with all applicable Federal requirements.

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