

Pitkin County, Colorado
Public Notice
Intent to File Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application No. 19-10-C-00-ASE
Aspen – Pitkin County Airport

Effective Date of Public Notice March 29, 2019

Pursuant to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 158, *Passenger Facility Charges*, Pitkin County, Colorado (County), as owner and operator of the Aspen-Pitkin County Airport (Airport or ASE), hereby provides public notice of the its intention to file Passenger Facility Charge Application (PFC) No. 19-10-C-00-ASE with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to impose and use a PFC to fund, in whole, or, in part, eligible projects at the Airport. The County is posting this public notice as part of the PFC application process pursuant to 14 CFR Part 158.24.

DATES:

As required under 14 CFR Part 158.24, the County is accepting public comments on PFC Application No. 19-10-C-00-ASE up to thirty (30) days after the date of posting this public notice on its Internet Web site. Comments must be received on or before **April 28, 2019**.

Comments may be mailed to:

Mr. John S. Kinney
Airport Director
Aspen/Pitkin County Airport
0233 E. Airport Road -- Suite A
Aspen, CO 81611

Projects for which the County is Seeking PFC Impose and Use Authority:

1. Design and Construct Five Air Carrier Aircraft Parking Hard Stands

Project Start Date: December 2018 (design), May 2019 (construction)

Project End Date: August 2019

Impose and Use: \$4.50

Funding: \$420,000 (100% PFC Pay-Go Funded)

Project Description:

This project consists of the rehabilitation of the air carrier apron through the installation of five hard stands. The hard stand installation entails the removal of failed asphalt concrete and replacement with reinforced PCC pavement beneath each parking position. The project area, comprised of nose and main gear pads at five parking positions, encompasses a total of 5,326 square feet. The asphalt apron pavement has reached the end of its useful life. Project costs include design/bidding, construction administration/testing, and construction costs.

The apron rehabilitation addresses five of the Airport's eight gates for use by commercial aircraft. The remaining three gates are currently equipped with hard stands.

A project location map can be found in Exhibit A.

Project Justification:

The asphalt pavement was constructed in 1999 and has therefore exceeded its 20-year useful life. In addition, as of 2016 the pavement condition index (PCI) for the apron was 42, which is considered poor pavement condition. The cracking, spalling, and foreign object debris (FOD) created by poor pavement conditions are a safety hazard and must be corrected in order to allow for the continued operation of the commercial aircraft apron.

2. Design and Construct Air Carrier Apron Rehabilitation

Project Start Date: December 2018 (design), May 2019 (construction)

Project End Date: August 2019

Impose and Use: \$4.50

Funding: \$2,202,000 (100% PFC Pay-Go Funded)

Project Description:

This project consists of the rehabilitation of the air carrier apron. The rehabilitation includes (1) mill and three-inch overlay of the asphalt pavement and (2) rehabilitate / relocate three existing PCC pads. The total area of rehabilitation is approximately 203,500, including approximately 45 square feet of existing hard stand rehabilitation. The asphalt apron pavement has reached the end of its useful life. Project costs include design/bidding, construction administration/testing, and construction costs.

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Project Justification:

The asphalt pavement was constructed in 1999 and has therefore exceeded its 20-year useful life. In addition, as of 2016 the pavement condition index (PCI) for the apron was 42, which is considered poor pavement condition. The cracking, spalling, and foreign object debris (FOD) created by poor pavement conditions are a safety hazard and must be corrected in order to allow for the continued operation of the commercial aircraft apron.

3. PFC Development and Implementation Assistance

Project Start Date: November 2018

Project End Date: November 2019

Impose and Use: \$4.50

Funding: \$51,750 (100% PFC Pay-Go Funded)

Project Description:

This project includes consulting costs associated with the development and implementation of the County's application to impose and use PFC revenue in accordance with Part 158 as follows:

- Gathering the necessary project, financial, and statistical information
- Preparing the required public notice
- Preparing the required airline consultation notice
- Ensuring that all procedural requirements are met for the airline meeting
- Preparing the impose and use application

- Preparing responses to air carrier comments
- Preparing the completed application for submittal to the FAA
- Preparing the airline notice of FAA approval.

Project Justification:

Retaining a PFC consultant helps ensure PFC applications are filed according to the rules and regulations determined by the FAA. This project is eligible in accordance with Part 158.3, "allowable cost" as explained in that section's preamble.

Class of Carriers Excluded From Collecting a PFC

The County plans to exclude Air Taxi/Commercial Operators (ATCO) filing FAA Form 1800-31 from collecting a PFC. The most recent official enplanement figures indicate ATCO carriers enplaned 74 passengers for the calendar year (CY) ending December 31, 2017. The known carriers in this class and their enplanement levels consist of the following:

AIR TAXI/COMMERCIAL OPERATOR	CY 2017 ENPLANED PASSENGERS
Aero Jet Services, LLC	13
Priester Aviation, LLC	61
Subtotal	74
Airport Total	244,808
Air Taxi/Commercial Operator as % of Airport Total	0.03%

SOURCE: U.S. DOT ACAIS data base CY 2017

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As shown above, the number of passengers enplaned annually by the ATCO class of carriers represents 0.03 percent of the total enplaned passengers at the Airport. The number of passenger enplanements by this class of carrier represents an amount less than one percent of the total enplaned passengers at the Airport. In accordance with 14 CFR Section 158.11, this class of air carrier can be exempted from PFC collection based on their enplanement levels and cost for the County to collect PFC revenues.

PFC Level

A four dollar and fifty cents charge (\$4.50) on passengers enplaned at the Airport.

Charge Effective Date

The County has collected excess PFC revenues and has requested the airlines serving the Airport to cease collections as of April 1, 2019. Provided the County receives FAA approval for the new PFC Application 10 by June 1, 2019, collections would resume 30 days subsequent, on July 1, 2019.

Estimated Charge Expiration Date

Collection of \$2,061,484 of PFC revenues (\$2,673,750 associated with new PFC Application 10 less the estimated \$612,266 in excess collections) is estimated to take approximately 24 months based on a 76.3 percent collection rate on enplaned passengers and a 1 percent annual growth in enplanements beginning in fiscal year (FY) 2019. Therefore, the charge expiration date is estimated to be July 1, 2021 (or until collected PFC revenue plus interest thereon equals the allowable costs of the approved projects less any amount over collected, as permitted by regulation).

Estimated Total PFC Revenue

The County estimates the total PFC revenue for the Application to be \$2,673,750.

County Point of Contact

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