

PUBLIC NOTICE

Asheville Regional Airport

Intention to File

Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application 21-07-C-00-AVL

Amendment to PFC Application 11-05-C-01-AVL

Amendment to PFC Application 13-06-U-00-AVL

The Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority (Authority) as owner and operator of Asheville Regional Airport (AVL), is posting this public notice as part of the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application and amendment process under 14 CFR §158.24.

The Authority intends to file PFC Application 21-07-C-00-AVL with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) which includes eight (8) “Impose and Use” projects and one (1) “Impose Only” project. The Authority is requesting to utilize PFCs to reimburse for local funding used on each project, totaling \$3,288,709. The nine (9) projects anticipated for inclusion in this Application are identified and described below:

- **Project 07-001 – Airport Master Plan Update (2022) – Impose & Use**
 - **PFC Revenue:** \$100,000 (Pay-As-You-Go)
 - **Project Description:** The project involves preparation of an update to the Master Plan Update (MPU) for AVL. A summary of the key segments that are anticipated for inclusion in this Master Plan Update include Airport Inventory, Environmental Overview, Aviation Forecasts, Facility Requirements, Alternatives Development and Evaluation, Airport Layout Plans, Facilities Implementation Plan and Feasibility Analysis, and a Public Involvement Program. Deliverables for the MPU will include a narrative report and an Airport Layout Plan set.
 - **Justification:** The last MPU for AVL was completed in 2013 and is based on forecasts developed using data from 2010. Since that time, enplanements and operations have increased substantially. In particular, the forecasts identified 527,000 enplanements in 2030 were exceeded in 2018 where 573,000 passengers enplaned at AVL and continued to increase in 2019 to 805,000 enplanements. This project will provide AVL with the most up-to-date data available related to potential obstructions and planimetrics for the Airport to ensure proper long-term planning and compliance with updated FAA requirements as identified in the FAA's Airport Design Advisory Circular. The project will also consider the downturn in enplanements and operations at AVL in 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and how this may affect future enplanements and operations forecasts. The MPU process will be a valuable opportunity to AVL to assess modifications that may be required due to their rapidly growing operations and enplanements, as well as due to changes in airport design criteria since 2013.

- **Project 07-002: PFC Application Development – Impose & Use**
 - **PFC Revenue:** \$19,890 (Pay-As-You-Go)
 - **Project Description:** This project includes necessary costs associated with the development of PFC Application 7 for AVL. The project includes the development of PFC Application materials, confirmation of enplanement forecasts, required air carrier and public coordination. Included within these costs are the estimated cost of the consultant services and related costs (i.e. copies, postage, etc.).
 - **Justification:** 14 CFR 158 and FAA Order 5500.1, *Passenger Facility Charges*, states that an airport's costs of administering the PFC program are eligible for PFC reimbursement, including the reasonable and necessary costs of carrying out an approved project, including costs incurred prior to and subsequent to the approval to impose a PFC. These PFC administration costs, which can include the costs of preparing, coordinating, and submitting a PFC application must be identified as a separate PFC project.
- **Project 07-003: Security Enhancements (Design & Construction) – Impose & Use**
 - **PFC Revenue:** \$216,984 (Pay-As-You-Go)
 - **Project Description:** The project replaced or upgraded, as appropriate, components of the airport security system including access control, eligible CCTV equipment, and identity management systems.
 - **Justification:** The project was completed to replace obsolete security systems and equipment to maintain compliance with FAA and TSA requirements.
- **Project 07-004: Terminal Apron Expansion - South (Design & Construction) – Impose & Use**
 - **PFC Revenue:** \$1,600,902 (Pay-As-You-Go)
 - **Project Description:** This project constructed additional apron space needed south of the passenger terminal for common use remain overnight (RON) aircraft and/or aircraft movement.
 - **Justification:** The project was completed to provide additional apron space and RON for aircraft movement at the Airport.
- **Project 07-005: Acquire ARFF Truck (Replacement) – Impose & Use**
 - **PFC Revenue:** \$59,812 (Pay-As-You-Go)

- **Project Description:** This project includes the acquisition of a 1,500-gallon replacement ARFF truck.
- **Justification:** The Airport replaced an existing obsolete 1,500-gallon ARFF truck with a Halon dry chemical system that could no longer be serviced. The former ARFF vehicle was acquired in 1989 and had well exceeded the 15-year useful life for ARFF vehicles. The vehicle was recommended for replacement under NFPA guidelines for ARFF vehicles. The truck is required in order for the Airport to maintain an ARFF Index of B or C.
- **Project 07-006: Acquire Snow Removal Equipment (Runway Broom with Carrier Vehicle and Snow Blower Attachment) – Impose & Use**
 - **PFC Revenue:** \$66,394 (Pay-As-You-Go)
 - **Project Description:** This project included the acquisition of one (1) replacement runway broom with carrier vehicle and snow blower attachment.
 - **Justification:** The project was completed to acquire one (1) replacement runway broom with carrier vehicle and snow blower attachment. The vehicle that was replaced was obsolete and had exceeded its useful life. The replacement vehicle was necessary to provide continued inclement weather service on runway and taxiway surfaces.
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- **Project 07-007: Acquire Snow Removal Equipment (Three Displacement Plows) – Impose & Use**
 - **PFC Revenue:** \$85,877 (Pay-As-You-Go)
 - **Project Description:** This project includes the acquisition of three (3) displacement plows to replace three (3) existing replacement plows in the SRE fleet.
 - **Justification:** The project was completed to acquire three (3) replacement displacement plows. The vehicles that were replaced were obsolete and had exceeded their useful life. The replacement vehicles were necessary to provide continued inclement weather service on runway and taxiway surfaces.
- **Project 07-008: Conduct Environmental Assessment (Terminal Area Improvements) – Impose & Use**
 - **PFC Revenue:** \$196,400 (Pay-As-You-Go)
 - **Project Description:** The project includes the development of a Focused Environmental Assessment (EA) associated with the redevelopment and expansion of

the passenger terminal on the site of the current facility, as well as the relocation of the existing air traffic control tower (co-located with the terminal). The FAA determined that a focused environmental assessment was the appropriate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document to identify and evaluate potential environmental impacts.

- **Justification:** The Airport has completed a plan to redevelop and expand the airport passenger terminal on the site of the current facility, as well as to relocate the Air Traffic Control Tower, which is currently located on the existing terminal project. The constructed project is intended to better accommodate the ongoing growth in passengers, which exceeded previously approved enplanements forecasts 12 years ahead of schedule. The EA will evaluate the environmental, social, and economic consequences of the proposed improvements and will adhere to all requirements of NEPA to enable future phased progression of the project.
- **Project 07-009: Terminal Building Modernization (Design) – Impose Only**
 - **PFC Revenue:** \$942,450 (Pay-As-You-Go)
 - **Project Description:** This project includes the design phase of the redevelopment and expansion of the existing terminal. The proposed project will expand and modernize the existing single-story building to a two-story building. Specific elements of the overall project are detailed below:
 - The project will generally include expanding the current 113,000 square foot building to approximately 275,000 square feet.
 - The addition of a second story will provide a screening checkpoint that will allow for future growth and adaptability of evolving security needs.
 - A right sized ticket lobby providing space to accommodate new carriers while recognizing the emerging technology and check-In procedures.
 - An enhanced curbside and entrance facade that becomes a part of the integrated overall aesthetic to the site.
 - A right sized baggage claim hall sized to meet the intended fleet mix and provide the necessary airline and airport support space.
 - The consolidation of four individual baggage inspection rooms into a single checked baggage inspection system with supporting baggage makeup areas for outbound baggage.
 - A new second level boarding concourse with expanded hold rooms supporting the projected fleet mix and new amenities such as expanded restrooms and twelve new passenger boarding bridges (the previous five passenger boarding bridges were designed for first level utilization and must all be replaced).

This PFC project will solely request the use of PFCs for the design of high-cost eligible items associated with the terminal, including the baggage handling system and the passenger boarding bridges. All other aspects of the design will be funded utilizing other funding sources.

- **Justification:** AVL completed a Terminal Area Study with forecasts through 2038. Due to AVL's current and projected growth, it is necessary to expand and modernize the existing single-story terminal building to a two-story terminal building to accommodate increased passenger enplanements. The existing terminal was designed in the late 1950s and opened in 1961. Multiple additions have occurred since opening, however, much of the building core has remained unchanged.

AVL's projected enplanements for 2018 were 517,652 with enplanements of 568,765 by 2023 and 728,000 by 2038. The 2038 projected enplanements were already exceeded in 2019, when 809,093 passengers enplaned at AVL. With revisions based on this significant increase above the Terminal Area Study forecasts, it is anticipated that approximately 950,000 enplanements will occur by 2023. This historic increase in passenger traffic creates the need for additional square footage. The current terminal includes approximately 113,000 square feet. The square footage needed to accommodate the current passenger enplanements is roughly 275,000 square feet. The design concepts included in this application are based on the space planning in accordance with the IATA Airport Reference Development Manual (ADRM), TSA "Recommended Security Guidelines for Airport Planning" and "Checkpoint Design Guide (CDG)", and Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP).

The Authority also intends to submit documentation to amend PFC Application 11-05-C-01-AVL and 13-06-U-00-AVL. As a result of the amendments, the total PFC collections in 11-05-C-01-AVL are proposed to increase from \$15,013,464 to \$16,729,828, with collections estimated to be complete by June 1, 2021.

The following one (1) project, previously approved in both 11-05-C-01-AVL and 13-06-U-00-AVL, will be included as part of the request for amendment:

PFC Application 11-05-C-01-AVL and 13-06-U-00-AVL Amendment Request				
Project Title	Approved PFC Amount	Amended PFC Amount	Change in PFC Amount	Amendment Justification
Project 05-008: Runway 16/34 Improvements Program	\$11,683,636 (Pay-As-You-Go)	\$13,400,000 (Pay-As-You-Go)	\$1,716,364/14.7% Increase	The previously approved level of PFC collections for the project were developed in 2013 and were based on estimates prepared during the final design process and did not reflect actual bid amounts. The proposed amendment will increase project costs based on those actual bid amounts received.
Summary of 11-05-C-01-AVL	\$15,013,464	\$16,729,828	\$1,716,364 (11.4% Increase)	

The proposed PFC level of collection is **\$4.50** per eligible enplaned passenger for all projects. The estimated charge effective date for PFC Application 21-07-C-00-AVL is **June 1, 2021**, and the estimated charge expiration date is **November 1, 2022**.

As required under 14 CFR §158.24, the Authority will be accepting public comments on the proposed projects until **5:00pm** on **Wednesday, March 17, 2021**. Questions and comments regarding the proposed PFC Application, including agreement or disagreement with any of the proposed projects, or requests for additional information, should be addressed to:

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