

PUBLIC NOTICE

Asheville Regional Airport

Intention to File

Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application 22-08-C-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 process under 14 CFR §158.24.

The Authority intends to file PFC Application 22-08-C-00-AVL with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) which includes two (2) “Impose and Use” projects and one (1) “Use Only” project. The Authority is requesting to utilize PFCs to reimburse for local funding used on each project, totaling \$3,473,443. The three (3) projects anticipated for inclusion in this Application are identified and described below:

Project 08-001 – Terminal Building Modernization (Design) – Use Only

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 two 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).

Airport Improvement Program (058-2021)	\$7,505,441
Other Funds	\$4,160,903
PFC Revenue (Pay As You Go)	\$942,450
Total Project Cost:	\$12,608,794

Project 08-002 – Construct Electrical Vault and Generator – Impose & Use (Design & Construction)

Project Description: This project includes the relocation of the exterior Lighting Vault and Generator. The existing lighting vault and generator are currently located in the planned southern baggage makeup area, as part of the Terminal Building Expansion project. The project will provide a new vault and generator that meet all current standards. The proposed project will also include the installation of new conduit and circuitry.

Justification: The existing Lighting Vault and Generator needs to be moved to accommodate the expansion of the Terminal Building. The existing lighting vault and generator are currently located in the planned southern baggage makeup area, as part of the Terminal Building Expansion project. The baggage handling system component is sized to support the growing fleet mix and growing passengers through the design year of the building. The existing electrical vault needs to be relocated to fit the necessary baggage handling system size but also to ensure the operational clearances of the tug carts along with any additional ground support equipment circulation. The existing vault is over twenty years old, has exceeded its useful life and is in need of replacement.

Airport Improvement Program (058-2021)	\$3,500,000
Other Funds	\$0
PFC Revenue (Pay As You Go)	\$2,500,000

Total Project Cost:

\$6,000,000

Project 08-003 – PFC Application Development – Impose & Use

Project Description: This project includes necessary costs associated with the development of PFC Applications 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.

PFC Revenue (Pay As You Go)

\$30,993

Total Project Cost:

\$30,993

The proposed PFC level of collection is **\$4.50** per eligible enplaned passenger for all projects. The estimated charge effective date for PFC Application 22-08-C-00-AVL is **January 1, 2023**, and the estimated charge expiration date is **July 1, 2023**.

As required under 14 CFR §158.24, the Authority will be accepting public comments on the proposed projects until **5:00pm** on **Monday, November 15, 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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