

Public Notice
PFC Application No. 8
Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Notice of Intent to Apply Authority to Impose and Use a Passenger Facility Charge at McAllen International Airport

The City of McAllen ("the City") has determined the need to submit an application to the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") to impose and use a passenger facility charge ("PFC") at McAllen International Airport ("MFE"). PFC proceeds will be used to fund eligible project costs for certain projects at the Airport. The City is posting this public notice as part of the PFC application process under 14 CFR A§ 158.24. As part of this process, the City is providing the public with the following information regarding proposed PFC Application No. 8:

Section 158.24(b)(i-ii) - Description of projects and brief justification

1. Airfield Drainage Improvement (Runway 14-32 and Taxiway A Safety Improvements Construction) Phases 1 & 2

PFC PAYGO Total: \$1,853,414

Construction of recommendations of the 2011 Drainage Master Plan, 2012 Wildlife Hazardous Assessment and Wildlife Hazard Mitigation Plan, and FAA AC 150.530-5D, "Airport Drainage Design" and AC 150/5200-33B "Hazardous Wildlife Attractants on or Near Airports." Current conditions create aviation safety and operational issues resulting from ponding water during rainfall events leading to wildlife hazard attractants, incidents and airport operational impacts. The condition of the drainage system has posed significant challenges as a result of aging infrastructure, undersized culvert and detention ponds, and inadequate hydraulic conveyance. This is for Phase 1 and 2 of currently a total 4 phase project.

PFC Objective: Preserve Safety

2. ARFF Unit

PFC PAYGO Total: \$1,000,000

The purchase of this equipment is to maintain the current Airport rescue and firefighting index as required by Part 139. The airport currently has 2 frontline units to meet index to which one is already 15 years old and has exceeded its useful life. Due to their age, maintenance costs are high and locating parts is extremely difficult. Any down time negatively impacts the traveling public and decreases efficiency in response time to an emergency. The replacement of the 15 year old unit will increase efficiency in operations, maintenance while improving reliability and efficiency.

PFC Objective: Preserve Safety

3. Rehabilitate Terminal Building (Terminal Restroom Renovations)

PFC PAYGO Total: \$1,200,000

This project is to rehabilitate and improve the existing pre-security and post-security public restrooms. The current public restrooms have been in place for over 20 years and have exceeded their useful lives. Due to their age, maintenance costs are high. The down time negatively impacts the traveling public and decreases efficiency. The rehabilitation and improvement of the terminal restrooms will increase efficiency in operations and maintenance. The passenger experience will be improved by providing more reliable restroom equipment for the public restrooms.

PFC Objective: Preserve Capacity

4. PFC Application Costs

PFC PAYGO Total: \$41,000

PFC-eligible general formation costs included in this PFC project are the necessary expenditures to prepare the new PFC application. Also included are eligible ongoing administrative costs, including audit fees, for this PFC application.

PFC Objective: Preserve Capacity

Section 158.24(b)(iii-vii) - The PFC level, charge effective date, charge expiration date, and total PFC revenue

PFC level:

The City is seeking approval from the FAA to charge \$4.50 on passengers enplaned at the Airport for the projects included in the PFC application.

Charge effective date:

The charge effective date for this new PFC Application No. 8 would be June 1, 2023 (the estimated charge expiration date for approved PFC Application No. 7).

Estimated charge expiration date:

The estimated charge expiration date for this PFC Application No. 8 will be August 1, 2025.

Estimated total PFC revenue under this application:

This application will increase the City's impose and use authority by \$4,094,414. As a result, this application will increase the City's total collection and use authority to \$34,623,568.

Section 158.24(b)(viii) - City point of contact

Any comments should be sent to Elizabeth Suarez, McAllen International Airport, 2500 S. Bicentennial Blvd., McAllen, TX 78503. If there are any questions regarding this proposed PFC application, Ms. Suarez can also be reached at 956-681-1524 or at esauarez@mcallen.net.