



March 4, 2024

PALM BEACH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AIRPORTS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE APPLICATION NO.
20-17-C-00-PBI AT PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Palm Beach County Department of Airports (the County) intends to submit to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) a request to amend a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) application at Palm Beach International Airport (the Airport or PBI). The County has issued this public notice as part of the PFC application amendment process as per Title 14 Code of Regulation (CFR) Part 158.24 *Notice and Opportunity for Public Comment*.

Comment Period: The County will accept public comments on the proposed amendment to PFC Application No. 20-17-C-00-PBI (PFC 20-17) up to thirty (30) days after the date of posting this public notice. As such, comments must be received on or before Monday, April 8, 2024.

County Point of Contact: Comments may be mailed to Mr. Gary M. Sypek, Senior Deputy Director of Airports, Palm Beach County Department of Airports, 846 Palm Beach International Airport, West Palm Beach, FL 33406 or e-mailed at gsypek@pbia.org.

The following information is provided in accordance with 14 CFR 158.24(a)(1)(iv),(b)(1):

The County requests to increase the total authorized PFC impose and use authority of PFC 20-17 by \$37,232,364 from the previously authorized amount of \$39,495,868 to \$76,728,232. This increase can be attributed to cost increases associated with the Concourse B Expansion and Concourse B Ramp Expansion projects. The original PFC approved costs for the Concourse B Expansion and Concourse B Ramp Expansion projects were \$18,244,000 and \$5,092,000, respectively which were based on Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) cost estimates. The revised cost estimates based on 100 percent design level estimates will increase the PFC eligible cost for the Concourse B Expansion and Concourse B Ramp Expansion projects to \$48,682,043 and \$11,886,321, respectively.

Amendment Project

- **003 PBI Concourse B Expansion - increase of \$30,438,043**
This project is currently active, and the revised cost will exceed the approved amount by

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\$30,438,043 from \$18,244,000 to \$48,682,043 an increase of 166.8 percent. This amendment request reflects the revised cost estimate based on the consultant's 100 percent design cost, building material and labor cost increases, and supply chain delays to the PFC approved estimate, based on a ROM or planning level estimate. There were no changes to the scope of work.

- **004 PBI Concourse B Ramp Expansion - increase of \$6,794,321**

This project is currently active, and the revised cost will exceed the approved amount by \$6,794,321 from \$5,092,000 to \$11,886,321 an increase of 133.4 percent. This amendment request reflects the revised cost estimate based on the consultant's 100 percent design cost, building material and labor cost increases, and supply chain delays to the PFC approved estimate, based on a ROM or planning level estimate. There were no changes to the scope of work.

As part of the amendment process the County is providing the following information:

- **Background.** On May 29, 2020, the FAA issued a Final Agency Decision (FAD) approving the County's application for authority to impose and use PFC revenue on four projects at PBI. To pay for the PFC-eligible costs associated with these projects, the FAA approved collection and use of PFC revenue at a \$4.50 PFC level in the amount of \$39,495,868. The earliest charge effective date was determined to be December 1, 2020; with the charge expiration date estimated to be August 1, 2022.
- **Action Requested.** Based on the consultant's 100 percent design cost for the Concourse B Expansion and Concourse B Ramp Expansion projects, the County has determined that the current amount of PFC revenue authorized by the FAA for collection and use will not meet the project's costs. As shown on **Table 1**, the net change in cost for the Concourse B Expansion and Concourse B Ramp Expansion projects equals a total \$37,232,364 increase of the currently authorized project costs which increases the total authorized PFC impose and use amount for PFC 20-17 from \$39,495,868 to \$76,728,232. The original project cost estimates were based upon a pre-design ROM estimate. As such, detailed design/engineering had not yet been fully completed. Since that time, the County decided this project would be constructed through a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) delivery method. As design progressed to 100 percent, it became apparent the original ROM cost estimates produced in October 2019 could not support the project.
- **Charge Effective Date:** December 1, 2020 (which reflects the charge expiration date for approved PFC Application No. 19-16-C-01-00-PBI).
- **Charge Expiration Date:** August 1, 2022. Since the collection period for PFC 20-17 expired on August 1, 2022, the impose and use increase will put this application in an under-collection status which requires a formal letter from the County to the FAA requesting an impose use authority increase of \$37,232,364 be applied to PFC 23-19-C-00-PBI (PFC 23-19) and revise PFC 23-19 expiration date through a 43(c) administrative amendment.
- **PFC Collection Level:** A four dollar and fifty cent (\$4.50) charge on eligible passengers enplaned at the Airport

Table1. Proposed Amendment to PFC 20-17

Pro No.	Project Title	PFC Level	PFC 20-17 Approved 5/29/2020				Proposed Amendment PFC 20-17 (Type B)				Increase/ (Decrease)
			Pay-Go	Bond Capital	Financing & Interest	Total PFC	Pay-Go	Bond Capital	Financing & Interest	Total PFC	
17.01	PBI Terminal Escalator Rehabilitation and Replacement	\$4.50	\$8,265,899	\$0	\$0	\$8,265,899	\$8,265,899	\$0	\$0	\$8,265,899	\$0
17.02	PBI 400 Hz System and Associated Infrastructure Improvements	\$4.50	\$7,844,969	\$0	\$0	\$7,844,969	\$7,844,969	\$0	\$0	\$7,844,969	\$0
17.03	PBI Concourse B Expansion	\$4.50	\$18,244,000	\$0	\$0	\$18,244,000	\$48,682,043	\$0	\$0	\$48,682,043	\$30,438,043
17.04	PBI Concourse B Ramp Expansion	\$4.50	\$5,092,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,092,000	\$11,886,321	\$0	\$0	\$11,886,321	\$6,794,321
17.05	PBI PFC Administrative Costs	\$4.50	\$49,000	\$0	\$0	\$49,000	\$49,000	\$0	\$0	\$49,000	\$0
Total			\$39,495,868	\$0	\$0	\$39,495,868	\$76,728,232	\$0	\$0	\$76,728,232	\$37,232,364