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PALM BEACH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AIRPORTS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE APPLICATION
NO. 20-18-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. 22-18-C-00-PBI (PFC 22-18) 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 by \$3,294,219 from the previously authorized amount of \$18,071,276 to \$21,365,276. This increase can be attributed to cost increases for the Electrical Infrastructure Improvements – Phase 1 project. The original PFC approved cost was \$5,705,319 which was based on a planning level estimate. The revised cost estimate of \$8,999,538 represents the eligible portion of the project based on the contractor's Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP).

Amendment Project

- **003 PBI Electrical Infrastructure Improvements Phase 1 – increase by \$3,294,219**
This project is currently active, and the revised cost will exceed the approved amount by \$3,294,219 from \$5,705,319 to \$8,999,538 an increase of 57.7 percent. This amendment request reflects the revised cost based on the contractor's GMP and costs related to electrical

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component cost increases and supply chain delays to the PFC approved estimate which was based on a 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 July 12, 2022, the FAA issued an Acknowledgement Letter 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 \$18,071,057. The earliest charge effective date was determined to be September 1, 2022; with the charge expiration date estimated to be February 1, 2024.
- **Action Requested.** Based upon the contractor’s GMP for the Electrical Infrastructure Improvements – Phase 1 project, 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 Electrical Infrastructure Improvements Phase 1 project equals a total \$3,294,219 increase of the currently authorized project costs which increases the total authorized PFC impose and use amount for PFC 22-18 from \$18,071,276 to \$21,365,276. The original project cost estimate for the Electrical Infrastructure Improvements Phase 1 project was based on a study published in October 2020. 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 cost estimates developed in the October 2020 study could not support the project.
- **Charge Effective Date:** September 1, 2022 (which reflects the charge expiration date for approved PFC Application No. 20-17-C-00-00-PBI).
- **Charge Expiration Date:** February 1, 2024. Since the collection period for PFC 22-18 expired on February 1, 2024, 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 \$3,294,219 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 22-18

Pro No.	Project Title	PFC Level	PFC 22-18 Approved 11/15/2022				Proposed Amendment PFC 22-18 (Type B)				Increase/ (Decrease)
			Pay-Go	Bond Capital	Financing & Interest	Total PFC	Pay-Go	Bond Capital	Financing & Interest	Total PFC	
18.01	PBI Taxiway B Reconstruction	\$4.50	\$8,250,471	\$0	\$0	\$8,250,471	\$8,250,471	\$0	\$0	\$8,250,471	\$0
18.02	PBI Terminal Chiller Replacement	\$4.50	\$4,076,053	\$0	\$0	\$4,076,053	\$4,076,053	\$0	\$0	\$4,076,053	\$0
18.03	PBI Electrical Infrastructure Improvements - Phase 1	\$4.50	\$5,705,319	\$0	\$0	\$5,705,319	\$8,999,538	\$0	\$0	\$8,999,538	\$3,294,219
18.04	PBI PFC Administrative Costs	\$4.50	\$39,214	\$0	\$0	\$39,214	\$39,214	\$0	\$0	\$39,214	\$0
Total			\$18,071,057	\$0	\$0	\$18,071,057	\$21,365,276	\$0	\$0	\$21,365,276	\$3,294,219