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APRIL 29, 2024

**PALM BEACH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AIRPORTS**

**PROPOSED PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE APPLICATION NO. 24-20-C-00-PBI TO THE  
FAA TO IMPOSE AND USE A PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE AT PALM BEACH  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Palm Beach County Department of Airports (the County) has determined the need to submit to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application to impose at Palm Beach International Airport (the Airport or PBI) and concurrently use PFC revenue at the Airport. The County has issued this public notice as part of the PFC application 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 PFC Application No. 24-20-C-00-PBI (PFC 24-20) up to thirty (30) days after the date of posting this public notice. As such, comments must be received on or before Thursday, May 30, 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](mailto:gsypek@pbia.org).

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

The County will seek authority from the FAA to impose and use PFCs with the following characteristics:

**PFC Level:** A four dollar and fifty cent (\$4.50) charge on eligible passengers enplaned at the Airport.

**Charge Effective Date:** July 1, 2024 (which reflects the charge expiration date for approved PFC Application No. 23-19-C-00-PBI).

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**Estimated Charge Expiration Date:** July 1, 2027

**Estimated Total PFC Impose and Use Revenue:** \$37,232,364

**Projects for which the County is seeking impose and use authority:**

**20-01 PBI Concourse B Expansion Phase II – Design/Construction**

**Project Description:** This project includes the planning, design, bidding, construction management and construction for the Concourse B Expansion Phase II project. Concourse B, which was built in 1987, is a two-level structure supporting both domestic and international operations via 13 contact gates. The first level, or apron level, is a non-public area accommodating airline operations space such as storage rooms, offices, and mechanical/electrical equipment. The second level includes holdrooms, restrooms, concession areas, and public circulation.

The expansion provides for an additional approximately 28,000 square feet to the existing Concourse B resulting in 58,920 square feet of additional space and two new narrowbody gates. Along with modernizing the entire concourse, the expansion would provide increased restroom, concession, and holdroom space; passenger seating; apron improvements; and a sensory room.

**Project Justification:** Concourse B has 13 gates with holdroom space unequally disbursed due to physical constraints and the existing gate layout. It was determined during the 2018 PBI Master Plan Update (2018 MPU) that 7 of the 13 gates servicing the concourse did not provide the necessary holdroom capacity to serve the narrowbody fleets operating at PBI on a daily basis. Additionally, an analysis was conducted to determine the holdroom capacity requirements needed to serve the higher density narrowbody aircraft included in PBI's forecast fleet mix and results showed that 11 of the 13 holdrooms are undersized.

As airlines retire older, smaller narrowbody aircraft from their fleets and opt for larger aircraft to meet passenger demand, holdroom space has become overcrowded and circulation corridors congested. In 2023, PBI exceeded pre-COVID passenger levels, with 7.4 million annual passengers (MAP) processed for the 12-month period ending in July 2023—the highest 12-month passenger volume at PBI at that time. Additionally, the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) draft 2023 Terminal Area Forecast anticipates enplaned passenger and airline activity to exceed 2018 MPU forecast levels. For the 12-month period ending March 2024, total passengers at PBI were just under 8M.

The Project is critical to support growing passenger demand in the South Florida region. A gating capacity study, completed in June 2023, showed that the Project would enable PBI's growth to 12.8 MAP, which equates to approximately 348 daily airline operations (174 arrivals and 174 departures) during the peak month.

**20-02 PBI Concourse B Ramp Expansion Phase II**

**Project Description:** This project includes the planning, design, bidding, construction management and construction for the Concourse B Ramp Expansion Phase II project. As component of the Concourse B Expansion project, the associated apron around Concourse B

will require expansion. This project includes the expansion of the existing Concourse B ramp to accommodate the aircraft spacing necessary for the expanded Concourse B footprint.

**Project Justification:** The expansion of the ramp is a necessary component of the Concourse B expansion. The concourse expansion will create a larger footprint and move existing gate positions further northwest which relocates these gates in the existing portion of the ramp that were not originally designed to support the static aircraft loads of today’s fleet mix. The new configuration of the Concourse B expansion ramp will also reconfigure taxilanes and vehicle services roads.

**Proposed Funding Sources for PFC 24-20-C-00-PBI**

Pro No.	Project Title	PFC Revenue		Previously Approved PFC 20-17	FDOT Funding	Local Funding	Total Project Cost
		PFC Level	Pay-Go				
20.01	PBI Concourse B Expansion - Phase II	\$4.50	\$30,438,043	\$18,244,000	\$15,000,000	\$2,082,291	\$65,764,334
20.02	PBI Concourse B Ramp Expansion - Phase II	\$4.50	\$6,794,321	\$5,092,000	\$0	\$405,205	\$12,291,526
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$37,232,364</b>	<b>\$23,336,000</b>		<b>\$2,487,496</b>	<b>\$78,055,860</b>