

NOTICE OF  
OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO  
PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE APPLICATION

Pitkin County is providing an opportunity for public comment until May 10, 2010 related to the proposed Impose and Use Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application for the Aspen/Pitkin County Airport. This written notice is provided in accordance with requirements contained in Federal Aviation Regulation 49 CFR Part 158.24 Passenger Facility Charge.

The five “Impose and Use” projects in this proposed PFC application are:

**1. SRE Equipment- Runway Sweeper**

This project includes purchase of one high speed runway sweeper. This high speed runway broom is an Oshkosh H-Series with an M-B 22’ power broom. This sweeper replaces a 1989 Oshkosh P-Series Sweeper that after 20 years has outlived its useful life. The replacement parts for the old broom are hard to acquire. The total cost of this project is \$497,762. The State of Colorado provided \$226,482 and PFCs are anticipated to fund the remaining \$271,280 of this project. This project began in January, 2008 and complete in October, 2008.

**2. SRE Equipment -Runway Plow**

This project will entail replacement of the airport’s 1992 Oshkosh P-Series high speed runway plow and 22’ plow blade with a new Oshkosh H-Series high speed plow and 22’ plow blade. The current equipment is almost 20 years old, unreliable and replacement parts are hard to find. The total cost of this project is \$491,675. PFCs are anticipated to fund 100% of this project. This project began in January, 2010 and will be complete in October, 2010.

**3. Replacement of Continuous Friction Measurement Equipment (Airfield Friction Tester)**

This project will entail replacement of the airport’s 1990 Saab Airfield Friction Tester, which is used in accordance with FAA Advisory Circulars to provide pilots with airfield friction information during periods of inclement weather and contaminated runway conditions. The 1990 Saab 900 that carries the friction measuring equipment has reliability issues, and at 20 years old, it is difficult to find parts and service. The total cost of this project is \$150,000. PFCs are anticipated to fund 100% of this project. This project will begin in May, 2010 and will be complete in December, 2010.

#### **4. Replacement of Airfield Snowblower**

This project includes replacement of the airport's 2000 S&S High Speed Airfield snow blower with a new, single engine, front discharge high speed snow blower. This piece of equipment is referred to as "Blower 4" on the attached snow removal equipment inventory, which is contained in the airport's FAA-approved Airport Certification Manual. The current blower is more than 10 years old and has reached the end of its useful life. The total cost of this project is \$700,000. PFCs are anticipated to fund 100% of this project. This project will begin in November, 2010 and will be complete in February, 2011.

#### **5. PFC Application & Administration Fees**

This project includes PFC-eligible general formation costs necessary to prepare the PFC application, develop and implement the capital plan, related financial plan, and the determination of the required PFC amount. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$28,000 to be funded 100% with PFCs. This project started in April, 2010 and will be complete by December, 2010.

Pitkin County plans to continue to impose the maximum PFC allowable of \$4.50 per enplaned passenger. We anticipate collection to begin on this application when the current Application is fully collected, anticipated to be on August 1, 2010, with a total revenue impact of \$1,640,955. The PFC expiration date for these projects is estimated to be August 1, 2012.

Comments or a request for a more detailed project justification should be sent to James P. Elwood, A.A.E. Director of Aviation, Aspen/Pitkin County Airport, 0233 East Airport Road, Aspen, Colorado 81611.