



**Pitkin County, Colorado**  
**Public Notice**  
**Intent to File Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Notice of Intent No. 23-12-C-00-ASE**  
**Effective Date of Public Notice: November 8, 2022**

Pursuant to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 158, *Passenger Facility Charges*, Pitkin County, Colorado (County), as owner and operator of the Aspen/Pitkin County Airport (Airport or ASE), hereby provides public notice of its intention to file a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Notice of Intent No. 23-12-C-00-ASE with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to impose and use a PFC to fund, in whole or in part, eligible projects at the Airport. The County is posting this public notice as part of the PFC Notice of Intent process pursuant to 14 CFR 158.24.

**Dates**

As required under 14 CFR 158.24, the County is accepting public comments on PFC Notice of Intent No. 23-12-C-00-ASE up to thirty (30) days after the date of posting this public notice on its internet web site. Comments must be received on or before **December 9, 2022**.

**Projects for which the County is Seeking PFC Impose and Use Authority:**

1. **Acquire 4 Mobile Passenger Boarding Ramps**

**Project Start Date: April 1, 2022**

**Project End Date: June 30, 2023**

**Impose and Use: \$4.50**

**Funding: \$290,100 (100% PFC Pay-As-You-Go [Pay-Go] Funded)**

***Project Description:***

This project includes the acquisition of four mobile passenger boarding ramps. The mobile passenger boarding ramps will replace four existing passenger boarding ramps that are over 10 years old and at the end of their serviceable life. Project costs include the passenger boarding ramps with safeguard anti-slip option; pusher unit; and on-site installation, setup, and training (see **Exhibit A**).

***Project Justification:***

The Airport passenger terminal does not currently utilize passenger boarding bridges; therefore, the use of other boarding devices, including mobile passenger boarding ramps, is required to access aircraft serving the Airport. The proposed ramps would replace four existing passenger boarding ramps that are over 10 years old and at the end of their serviceable life. The proposed mobile passenger boarding ramps would be owned and operated by the County for use by all air carriers operating at the Airport.

2. **Acquire Snow Removal Equipment (Oshkosh H Series Dual Engine Blower and Oshkosh H Series Snowbroom)**

**Project Start Date: February 1, 2022**

**Project End Date: August 31, 2023**

**Impose and Use: \$4.50**

**Funding: \$1,726,443 (100% PFC Pay-Go Funded)**

**Project Description:**

This project includes the acquisition of an Oshkosh H Series Dual Engine Blower and Oshkosh H Series Snowbroom, including options and training.

**Project Justification:**

The purchase of the Oshkosh H Series Dual Engine Blower and Oshkosh H Series Snowbroom will allow the County to remove snow and ice efficiently and safely from Priority 1 removal areas at the Airport in accordance with the requirements of 14 CFR Part 139. The Oshkosh H Series Snowbroom will replace an existing Snowbroom (Sweeper 428) purchased in 2005. The Oshkosh H Series Dual Engine Blower will replace an existing Blower (Blower 424) purchased in 2004. Sweeper 428 and Blower 424 are over ten years old and have exceeded their useful lives.

Approximately 1,080,000 square feet of Priority 1 Snow Removal pavement area exists at the Airport. Based upon FAA Advisory Circular (AC) 150-5220-20, *Airport Snow and Ice Control Equipment*, and AC 150-5200-30, *Airport Winter and Operations*, it is recommended that the County maintain a snow removal equipment fleet of 29 units to meet the 14 CFR Part 139 snow removal achievement objectives. The Oshkosh H Series Dual Engine Blower and Oshkosh H Series Snowbroom are included in the 14 CFR Part 139 ASE Snow and Ice Control Plan approved by the FAA on December 4, 2020 (see **Exhibit B**).

3. **Design and Expand Existing Air Carrier Aircraft Parking Hard Stands**

**Project Start Date: September 1, 2021**

**Project End Date: September 30, 2022**

**Impose and Use: \$4.50**

**Funding: \$765,139 (100% PFC Pay-Go Funded)**

**Project Description:**

This project includes the expansion of existing Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) aircraft parking hard stands on the air carrier aircraft parking apron. The aircraft parking hard stand expansion includes the removal of asphalt and replacement with reinforced PCC pavement beneath each aircraft parking position to accommodate the Embraer ERJ-175 aircraft. The project area, comprising nose and main gear pads at existing parking positions, encompasses a total of approximately five parking positions. Project costs include design/bidding, construction administration/testing, and construction costs.

**Project Justification:**

The existing aircraft parking hardstands do not accommodate Embraer ERJ-175 aircraft, which will be used with increasing frequency at the Airport. Replacement of asphalt in these areas with PCC will preserve the integrity of the air carrier aircraft parking apron pavement.

4. **Install Replacement Secure Passenger Exit Lane from Terminal Building Secure Area**

**Project Start Date: March 1, 2022**

**Project End Date: June 30, 2023**

**Impose and Use: \$4.50**

**Funding: \$145,591 (100% PFC Pay-Go Funded)**

**Project Description:**

This project includes the installation of a replacement single-lane automated secure passenger exit lane unit from the Terminal Building Secure Area. The existing unit is at the end of its serviceable life and requires County and contracted security personnel to be present at the exit point to ensure no unauthorized entry into the secure area at a cost of about \$250,000 per year.

**Project Justification:**

The existing exit lane requires County and contracted security personnel at the exit at a cost of about \$250,000 per year. ASE's Airport Security Plan (ASP), approved by Transportation Security Administration (TSA), notes the requirement of a "one-way exit lane breach control corridor" at the Airport. Section 6 of the ASP states:

*The sterile area for the Airport is located inside the main commercial terminal, beyond the TSA Passenger Screening Checkpoint. In the southwest corner of the Sterile Area is a glass wall partition used when deplaning passengers exit the ramp into the Sterile Boarding Area through two sliding glass doors. Adjacent to this exit lane to the south is a one-way exit lane breach control corridor, which is the Sterile Area to the public Baggage Claim area. This modular system is equipped with a series of motion presence and video analytic sensors that are designed to detect exiting passengers and opens a series of doors to enable egress throughput. Sensors are used to detect when a person forbears exit and backflows within the device. This will trigger an audible alarm that says "Please Clear the Doorway", the doors will physically shut preventing further backflow. A notification is recorded in the Physical Access Control System (PACS).*

5. **PFC Notice of Intent Development and Implementation Assistance**

**Project Start Date: February 1, 2022**

**Project End Date: September 30, 2023**

**Impose and Use: \$4.50**

**Funding: \$43,751 (100% PFC Pay-Go Funded)**

**Project Description:**

This project includes consulting costs associated with the development and implementation of the County's Notice of Intent to impose and use PFC revenue in accordance with 14 CFR Part 158 including: gathering the necessary project, financial, and statistical information; preparing the required public notice; preparing the required airline consultation notice; ensuring that all procedural requirements are met for the airline meeting; preparing responses to air carrier comments; preparing the completed Notice of Intent for submittal to the FAA; and preparing the airline notice of FAA approval.

**Project Justification:**

Retaining a PFC consultant helps ensure PFC Notices of Intent are filed according to the rules and regulations determined by the FAA. This project is eligible in accordance with 14 CFR 158.3, "allowable cost" as explained in that section's preamble.

**Class of Carriers Excluded From Collecting a PFC**

The County plans to exclude Air Taxi / Commercial Operators (ATCO) filing FAA Form 1800-31 from collecting a PFC. The most recent official enplanement figures indicate ATCO carriers enplaned 237 passengers for the calendar year (CY) ending December 31, 2021. The known carriers in this class and their enplanement levels consist of the following:

AIR TAXI / COMMERCIAL OPERATOR	CY 2021 ENPLANED PASSENGERS
Aero Charter, Inc.	63
Meregrass, Inc.	62
Professional Aviation Solutions LLC	2
Steelman Aviation Inc	110
<b>Air Taxi / Commercial Operator Total</b>	<b>237</b>
<b>Airport Total</b>	<b>248,781</b>
Air Taxi / Commercial Operator as Percent of Airport Total	0.01%

NOTE: CY – Calendar Year

SOURCE: US Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, (Preliminary) Enplanements by Air Carrier for Calendar Year 2021, Aspen-Pitkin County/Sardy Field (ASE), October 4, 2022.

As shown above, the number of passengers enplaned annually by the ATCO class of carriers represents 0.01 percent of the total enplaned passengers at the Airport. The number of passenger enplanements by this class of carrier represents an amount less than one percent of the total enplaned passengers. In accordance with 14 CFR 158.11, this class of air carrier can be exempted from PFC collection based on their enplanement levels and cost for the County to collect PFC revenues.

**PFC Level**

A four dollar and fifty cents (\$4.50) charge on eligible enplaned passengers at the Airport.

**Charge Effective Date**

October 1, 2023

**Estimated Charge Expiration Date**

Collection of \$2,971,024 of PFC revenues is estimated to take approximately 30 months based on an 86.3 percent collection rate on enplaned passengers and a 1 percent annual growth in enplanements beginning in FY 2023. Therefore, the charge expiration date is estimated to be April 1, 2026 (or until collected PFC revenue plus interest thereon equals the allowable costs of the approved projects, as permitted by regulation).

**Estimated Total PFC Revenue**

\$2,971,024.

**County Point of Contact**

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