



Pitkin County, Colorado
Public Notice
Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Notice of Intent No. 26-13-C-00-ASE
Effective Date of Public Notice: September 10, 2025

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. 26-13-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. 26-13-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 **October 10, 2025**.

Comments may be mailed to:

Diane Jackson
Airport Director
Aspen/Pitkin County Airport
0233 E. Airport Road, Suite A
Aspen, CO 81611

PFC Level:	\$4.50 per enplaned passenger
Calculated Charge Effective Date:	January 1, 2026
Estimated Charge Expiration Date:	November 1, 2026
Estimated Total PFC Revenue:	\$1,646,721

The following Exhibits can be found as attachments to this letter:
Attachment A – Project Descriptions and Justifications
Attachment B – Project Funding Tables

Attachment A

13-001. Acquire Replacement Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) Vehicle

Project Start Date: June 2026

Project End Date: August 2026

Funding: \$1,600,000 (100% PFC Pay-Go Funded)

Project Description:

This project funds the acquisition of a new primary ARFF vehicle, replacing the 2009 AIP-funded secondary ARFF vehicle (**Exhibit 1.1**). The current primary ARFF truck, purchased in 2017 with local funds, will then become the secondary vehicle. The current secondary ARFF Truck is a 2009 Oshkosh Stricker 1500. The secondary ARFF Truck was fitted with water turrets, a 1,500-gallon tank capacity, 210-gallon aqueous film forming foam system, 450-pounds of Purple K, 460-pounds of Halotron, radios, a mobile data terminal, equipment to provide extrication/forced entry, storage compartments, and emergency lighting. The secondary ARFF truck is 16 years old, and has exceeded its 15 years of useful life, in accordance with the AIP Handbook Table 3-7(g). The secondary ARFF truck has become a burden to maintain, and is experiencing valve leaks, water tank leaks, foam tanks leaks, compartment sensor issues, drive train issues, and wiring issues that affect the ability for the truck to remain in service.

The new ARFF Truck will be procured with the same capabilities as the secondary ARFF Truck with better efficiencies and newer technology. The new ARFF truck would be a 3,000-gallon crash truck, as the water supply to the Airport is extremely limited. The Airport only has four fire hydrants in the air operations area, and the County mutual aid only has one 2,500-gallon water tender in the district. A 3,000-gallon ARFF vehicle will provide adequate agent and make the Airport less dependent on mutual aid resources for initial fire attack. The new ARFF truck will also remove 460 pounds of Halotron from the replacement vehicle, but maintain 450 pounds of Purple K.

The PFC funding sources will be used to fund only the ARFF vehicle as per AC 150/5220-10F guidelines. The County has learned that the acquisition of this vehicle will take approximately 12 – 14 months before delivery.

Project Justification:

Based on the Airport's current 14 CFR 139 ARFF Index B, the County would normally qualify for federal financial support for one 1,500-gallon vehicle to meet Index B requirements. However, relying solely on these smaller vehicles may not provide adequate firefighting capacity in the event of water shortages and limited mutual aid availability. The Airport only has four fire hydrants in the Airport Operations Area, and the County mutual aid only has one 2,500-gallon water tender in the local Fire District. Acquiring a 3,000-gallon ARFF vehicle will provide adequate agent and make the Airport less dependent on mutual aid resources for initial ARFF response. Accordingly, the County is requesting FAA consideration for PFC funding for ARFF equipment consistent with ARFF Index C, based solely on operational needs due to water shortages and limited mutual aid capabilities. The County remains fully committed to operating and maintaining this equipment with its current ARFF personnel.

The previous secondary ARFF truck has now served 16 years – surpassing its 15-year useful life as defined in Order 5100.38D, *Airport Improvement Handbook*, Table 3-7(g) *Minimum Useful Life, ARFF Vehicles*. The vehicle has become increasingly burdensome and costly to maintain, suffering from valve and water-tank leaks, foam-tank breaches, compartment sensor failures, drivetrain malfunctions, and compromised wiring.

Exhibit 1.1

Section 317 – Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting: Equipment and Agents

ARFF equipment at ASE consists of the following equipment:

PRIMARY- 2017 Oshkosh Striker 6x6: ARFF 79

- 3000 Gallons of Water
- 420 Gallons of 3% AFFF (capacity for 14,000 gallons of water)
- 450 Pounds of Purple K Dry Chemical
- 460 Pounds of Halotron
- 625/ 1,200 GPM Roof Turret
- 625/ 1,200 GPM Bumper Turret
- Turret Dry Chemical – 17lbs
- Dual Agent Handline – 60gpm water/foam and 5lbs dry chemical
- Haloton Handline- 220psi
- 1Halotron Portable Extinguisher
- 1 Purple K Portable Extinguisher
- 1 Class B Extinguisher

SECONDARY- 2009 Oshkosh Striker 1500: ARFF 78

- 1500 Gallons of Water
- 210 Gallons of 3% AFFF (capacity for 7,000 gallons of water)
- 450 Pounds of Purple K Dry Chemical
- 460 Pounds of Halotron
- 375/920 GPM Roof Turret
- 375/840 GPM Bumper Turret
- Turret Dry Chemical – 17lbs
- Dual Agent Handline – 60gpm water/foam and 5lbs dry chemical
- Halotron Handline -240psi
- 1 Halotron Portable Extinguisher
- 1 Purple K Portable Extinguisher
- 1 Class B Extinguisher

13-002. PFC Application Services

Project Start Date: March 2025

Project End Date: April 2026

Funding: \$46,721 (100% PFC Pay-Go Funded)

Project Description:

The project provides funding for the County to retain an aviation consultant for the preparation and implementation of a Notice of Intent (NOI) to "Impose and Use" a PFC at the Airport. The consultant will gather the necessary project, financial, and statistical information; prepare the required public notice; prepare the required air carrier consultation notice; ensure that all FAA procedural requirements are met during the air carrier meeting; prepare the NOI; prepare the response to air carrier comments; provide the completed NOI in a format ready for execution and submission by the County; and prepare the air carrier notice upon FAA approval.

Project Justification:

Retaining a consultant helps ensure PFC NOIs are filed according to the rules and regulations determined by the FAA. Such costs are eligible in accordance with 14 CFR 158.3 and FAA Order 5500.1, Passenger Facility Charges, Administrative Support Costs.

Attachment B

Table 1

Existing Status of PFC Impose and Use Authority

		Approved for Collection	Approved for Use	Expenditures 3/31/2025 ¹	Remaining Authority
Approved PFC Applications					
Application #1	93-01-C-00-ASE	\$1,533,541	\$1,533,541		
Application #1 amendment	93-01-C-01-ASE	81,445	81,445		
		\$1,614,986	\$1,614,986	\$1,614,986	\$0
Application #2	98-02-C-00-ASE	\$1,020,000	\$1,020,000		
Application #2 amendment	98-02-C-01-ASE	(145,883)	(145,883)		
		\$874,117	\$874,117	\$874,117	\$0
Application #3	99-03-C-00-ASE	\$1,354,000	\$1,354,000		
Application #3 amendment	99-03-C-01-ASE	26,097	26,097		
		\$1,380,097	\$1,380,097	\$1,380,097	\$0
Application #4	02-04-C-00-ASE	\$986,381	\$986,381		
Application #4 amendment	02-04-C-01-ASE	(273,235)	(273,235)		
		\$713,146	\$713,146	\$713,146	\$0
Application #5	04-05-C-00-ASE	\$2,274,162	\$2,274,162		
Application #5 amendment	04-05-C-01-ASE	11,999	11,999		
		\$2,286,161	\$2,286,161	\$2,286,161	\$0
Application #6	07-06-C-00-ASE	\$2,078,000	\$2,078,000		
Application #6 amendment	07-06-C-01-ASE	(\$624,045)	(\$624,045)		
		\$1,453,955	\$1,453,955	\$1,453,955	\$0
Application #7	10-07-C-00-ASE	\$1,640,955	\$1,640,955		
Application #7 amendment	10-07-C-01-ASE	(\$587,278)	(\$587,278)		
		\$1,053,677	\$1,053,677	\$1,053,677	\$0
Application #8	12-08-C-00-ASE	\$3,211,592	\$3,211,592		
Application #8 amendment	12-08-C-01-ASE	(\$419,202)	(\$419,202)		
		\$2,792,390	\$2,792,390	\$2,792,390	\$0
Application #9	15-09-C-00-ASE	\$3,155,000	\$3,155,000		
Application #9 amendment	15-09-C-01-ASE	(586,400)	(586,400)		
		\$2,568,600	\$2,568,600	\$2,568,600	\$0
Application #10	19-10-C-00-ASE	\$2,673,750	\$2,673,750		
Application #10 amendment	19-10-C-01-ASE	\$30,053	\$30,053		
Application #10 amendment	19-10-C-02-ASE	\$6,677			
		\$2,710,480	\$2,703,803	\$2,521,494	\$188,986
Application #11	21-11-C-00-ASE	\$3,178,921	\$3,178,921		
		\$3,178,921	\$3,178,921	\$25,731	\$3,153,190
Application #12	23-12-C-00-ASE	\$2,825,433	\$2,825,433		
		\$2,825,433	\$2,825,433	\$0	\$2,825,433
Existing PFC impose and use authority		\$23,451,963	\$23,445,286	\$17,284,354	\$6,167,609

NOTE:

1 Expenditures provided by System of Airport Reporting (SOAR) as of March 31, 2025

Table 2

Funding Sources for Projects

PFC Project	Description	PFC Collection Level	Total Project Cost	Aspen/ Pitkin County Funding	Pitkin County Funds	PFC Pay-Go
13-001	Acquire Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) Vehicle	\$4.50	\$ 1,600,000			\$ 1,600,000
13-002	PFC Application Services	\$4.50	\$ 46,721			\$ 46,721
Application Total			\$ 1,646,721	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,646,721

PREPARED BY: Ricondo & Associates, Inc., June 2025.

Table 3

Proposed PFC Impose and Use Authority

		Proposed Collection	Proposed Use	Expenditures 3/31/2025 ¹	Remaining Authority
Approved PFC Applications					
Application #1	93-01-C-00-ASE	\$1,533,541	\$1,533,541		
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		\$2,792,390	\$2,792,390	\$2,792,390	\$0
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Application #10	19-10-C-00-ASE	\$2,673,750	\$2,673,750		
Application #10 amendment	19-10-C-01-ASE	\$30,053	\$30,053		
Application #10 amendment	19-10-C-02-ASE	\$6,677			
		\$2,710,480	\$2,703,803	\$2,521,494	\$188,986
Application #11	21-11-C-00-ASE	\$3,178,921	\$3,178,921		
		\$3,178,921	\$3,178,921	\$25,731	\$3,153,190
Application #12	23-12-C-00-ASE	\$2,825,433	\$2,825,433		
		\$2,825,433	\$2,825,433	\$0	\$2,825,433
Application #13	26-13-C-00-ASE	\$ 1,646,721	\$ 1,646,721		\$ 1,646,721
		\$1,646,721	\$1,646,721	\$0	\$1,646,721
Proposed PFC impose and use authority		\$25,098,684	\$25,092,007	\$17,284,354	\$7,814,330

NOTE:

¹ Expenditures provided by System of Airport Reporting (SOAR) as of March 31, 2025

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Table 4**PFC Cash Flow Projections**

Fiscal Year Ending September 30	Through			Subtotal
	March 31, 2025 ^{1/}	April- December 2025	2026 ^{3/}	
PFC Revenues:				
Enplanements		218,044	392,025	
PFC Enplanements ^{4/}		211,503	341,570	
Net PFC Charge		\$ 4.39	\$ 4.39	
PFC Revenue		\$ 928,497	\$ 1,499,494	
Investment Earnings		\$ 2,321	\$ 3,749	
Total Fiscal Year PFC Revenue	\$22,664,623	\$ 930,818	\$ 1,503,243	
Cumulative PFC Revenue	\$22,664,623	23,595,441	25,098,684	
Total PFC Revenue Authorized to be Collected	\$ 22,664,623	\$ 930,818	\$ 1,503,243	\$ 25,098,684
Cumulative PFC Revenue Authorized to be Collected	\$ 22,664,623	\$ 23,595,441	\$ 25,098,684	
Expenditures:				
Existing PFC Applications/Amendments:				
Total Application 01	\$ 1,614,986			\$ 1,614,986
Total Application 02	\$ 874,117			\$ 874,117
Total Application 03	\$ 1,380,097			\$ 1,380,097
Total Application 04	\$ 713,146			\$ 713,146
Total Application 05	\$ 2,286,161			\$ 2,286,161
Total Application 06	\$ 1,453,955			\$ 1,453,955
Total Application 07	\$ 1,053,677			\$ 1,053,677
Total Application 08	\$ 2,792,390			\$ 2,792,390
Total Application 09	\$ 2,568,600			\$ 2,568,600
Total Application 10	\$ 2,521,494	\$ 188,986		\$ 2,710,480
Total Application 11	\$ 25,731	\$ 1,576,595	\$ 1,576,595	\$ 3,178,921
Total Application 12	\$ -	\$ 1,883,622	\$ 941,811	\$ 2,825,433
Proposed Application 13	\$ -	\$ 548,907	\$ 1,097,814	\$ 1,646,721
Total PFC Expenditures	\$ 17,284,354	\$ 4,198,110	\$ 3,616,220	\$ 25,098,684
Running PFC Balance	\$ 5,380,269	\$ 2,112,977	\$ -	

NOTES:

1/ Sources from System of Airports Reporting (SOAR) as of March 31, 2025

2/ Based on 97% of enplanements.

3/ PFC Enplanements in 2026 are below 97% of total Enplanements, as application 13 impose authority will expire in November 2026

SOURCES: System of Airports Reporting (SOAR) as of March 31, 2025 (Total PFC Revenue and Expenditures); FAA Terminal Area Forecast (Enplanements), June 2025.