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## **Lee COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY**

### **Proposed Passenger Facility Charge APPLICATION nO. 24-11-C-00-RSW to the FAA to Impose and Use a PFC at SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

#### **NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Lee County Port Authority (Authority) has determined the need to submit to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application to impose at Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW or the Airport) and to concurrently use PFC revenue at the Airport. The Authority has issued this public notice as part of the PFC application process as per 14 Code of Regulation (CFR) Part 158.24 *Notice and Opportunity for Public Comment*.

**Comment Period:** The Authority will accept public comments on the proposed PFC Application No. 24-11-C-00-RSW (PFC 24-11) from the day of posting through Monday, October 30, 2023.

**Authority Point of Contact:** Comments may be mailed to Mr. Dave Amdor, Deputy Director - Finance, Lee County Port Authority, 11000 Terminal Access Road, Suite 8671, Fort Myers, FL 33913 or e-mailed at [dwamdor@flylcpa.com](mailto:dwamdor@flylcpa.com).

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

The Authority 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 per eligible enplaned passenger at the Airport.

**Charge Effective Date:** December 1, 2029 (which reflects the estimated charge expiration date for PFC Application No. 19-10-C-00-RSW).

**Estimated Charge Expiration Date:** August 1, 2055

**Estimated Total PFC Impose and Use Revenue:** \$430,338,950

## **Projects for which the Authority is seeking Impose and Use authority:**

### **11.01. Concourse E Program (Design and Construction)**

**Project Description:** The Authority is requesting PFC revenue to support the Airport's Terminal Expansion Phase II - Concourse E Program at RSW. This program includes funds needed for the design, permitting, bidding, project management, construction administration, construction engineering inspection, construction management and construction of the Concourse E Program and all associated project elements.

This program consists of numerous project elements including, but not limited to, main terminal expansion, new Concourse E construction, chiller replacement and expansion, airside improvements (taxiways and apron), landside roadway and terminal curb modifications, pedestrian bridge construction from the parking garage to the Main Terminal, and Concourse D gate modifications.

**Project Justification:** This project will enhance capacity at the Airport. In June 2021, the Authority initiated the RSW Master Plan Update, which considered the overall 20-year planning for the Airport. It was determined that 14 additional gates would be needed at RSW to meet the 2036 Design Day Flight Schedule. The additional gates would allow RSW to accommodate commercial operations through March 2036.

It was also determined, in the Master Plan Update, that modifications to existing Concourses B, C, or D would not be able to independently provide 14 additional gates; however, modifications to all concourses or the construction of a new concourse would be able to do so. Ultimately, considering cost and impacts to Airport operations, the construction of new Concourse E was recommended to provide the 14 additional gates.

The proposed terminal modifications would comprise construction of a new 14- gate Concourse E, as well as modifications to the main terminal and Concourse D, airside (apron and taxiway) modifications, terminal road modifications and pedestrian bridges, and modifications to the chiller plant.

### **11.02. ARFF Equipment - Acquisition**

**Project Description:** This project funds for the purchase of Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs) and personal protective equipment (PPE) for use at RSW during fire emergencies. This project purchases 60 SCBAs and replaces the existing SCBAs that have exceeded their useful life and acquires six (6) new PPE ensembles for 6 new ARFF staff members. The PPE ensemble includes a helmet, helmet front, coat, pants, and boots.

**Project Justification:** This project preserves safety at RSW by replacing aging ARFF SCBA equipment with functioning safety equipment capable of preventing injury to ARFF staff during fire emergencies. The SCBA equipment were purchased in 2010. According to the Airport Improvement Program Handbook, the minimum useful life criterion for equipment is 10-years. The SCBAs have exceeded their useful life and therefore eligible for replacement.

New PPE is required for new ARFF staff members. PPE is worn to all incidents including fire, medical, hazardous materials, and incidents involving aircraft. All PPE worn by firefighters must be, and are in compliance with the National Fire Protection Association.

### **11.03 PFC Administration Costs**

**Project Description:** This project provides for the preparation and implementation of an application to “Impose and Use” a PFC at RSW, which will be submitted to the FAA. 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 procedural requirements are met during the air carrier meeting; prepare the application; prepare the response to air carrier comments; provide the completed application in a format ready for execution and submission; and prepare the air carrier notice upon FAA approval.

**Project Justification:** Retaining a PFC consultant helps ensure PFC Applications are filed according to the rules and regulation determined by the FAA. Administrative cost is eligible in accordance with 14 CFR 158.3 PFC Administrative Support Cost.

## Funding Sources for PFC 24-11

Project No.	PA Title	Pay Go	Bond Capital	Financing & Interest	PFC Total	Existing AIP*	AIP Anticipated	BIL-AIG Anticipated	CFP Anticipated	FDOT	Local Funds	Total
11.01	Concourse E Program (Design/Construction)	\$15,000,000	\$191,000,000	\$223,879,422	\$429,879,422	\$442,817	\$6,000,000	\$48,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$473,028,467	\$1,044,350,706
11.02	ARFF Equipment Acquisition	\$409,528	\$0	\$0	\$409,528		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$409,528
11.03	PFC Administrative Costs	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$15,459,528</b>	<b>\$191,000,000</b>	<b>\$223,879,422</b>	<b>\$430,338,950</b>	<b>\$442,817</b>	<b>\$6,000,000</b>	<b>\$48,000,000</b>	<b>\$7,000,000</b>	<b>\$80,000,000</b>	<b>\$473,028,467</b>	<b>\$1,044,810,234</b>