

# PUBLIC NOTICE

**Columbus Airport  
Columbus, Georgia  
Passenger Facility Charge Number 6  
Information for Public Notice  
July 17, 2015**

The Columbus Airport Commission intends to submit an application to the FAA to impose and use funds from a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at the Columbus Airport (Airport). The amount of the PFC is \$4.50 per departing passenger to be imposed by the airlines serving the Airport. The expected implementation date is estimated to be December 1, 2015; however, this date may change depending upon the speed of the implementation process. The total amount of PFC funds to be collected in this new application is \$1,322,733. Utilizing approximately \$600,000 of collected, but currently unobligated PFC funds, the collection period is estimated to end on September 30, 2019.

Exempted class of air carriers: Air Taxi/Commercial Operators (ATCO) filing FAA form 1800-31.

All comments need to be provided by: August 21, 2015

Questions or comments regarding this proposed PFC application should be submitted to:

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Or at the Airport's Administrative Office in the Main Airport Terminal Building**

The projects proposed for funding by the PFC are:

**1. Obstruction Clearing Runway End 24**

The aircraft approach to the east end of the main commercial service runway contains a number of obstructions. This project will identify and implement obstruction removal.

Planning and implementation are expected to occur in FY 2015 and FY 2016.

Funding Sources:

FAA Entitlement: \$421,450; a new grant application will be submitted  
FAA Discretionary: \$200,000; a new grant application will be submitted  
State: \$34,525  
PFC: \$34,525  
Total Cost: \$690,500

This project will improve the safety of Airport operations by providing clear aircraft approaches.

**2. Obstruction Clearing Runway End 6**

The aircraft approach to west end of the main commercial service runway contains a number of obstructions. This project will identify and implement obstruction removal.

Planning and implementation are expected to occur in FY 2015, FY 2016, and FY 2017.

Funding Sources:

FAA Entitlement: \$550,000; a new grant application will be submitted  
FAA Discretionary: 800,000; a new grant application will be submitted  
State: \$75,000  
PFC: \$75,000  
Total Cost: \$1,500,000

This project will improve the safety of Airport operations by providing clear aircraft approaches.

**3. Construct Airport Perimeter Fencing**

This project will replace and improve certain of the Airport's exterior fencing. The first step is to update the Wildlife Hazard Management Plan, then sections of the exterior fence that are deficient will be replaced.

Planning and implementation are expected to occur in FY 2016.

Funding Sources:

FAA Entitlement: \$1,114,965; AIP Grant 3-13-0035-039-2014  
FAA Discretionary: -0-  
State: \$61,943  
PFC: \$61,943  
Total Cost: \$1,238,850

This project will improve the safety of Airport operations by separating wildlife and aircraft.

#### **4. Prepare PFC Application**

Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application Number 6 will be prepared under this project.

Planning and implementation will occur in FY 2015.

Funding Sources:

FAA Entitlement: -0-  
FAA Discretionary: -0-  
State: -0-  
PFC: \$26,765  
Total Cost: \$26,765

FAA Guidance regarding PFC applications specifically allows the cost of preparation and administration of PFCs to be included as an allowable cost. With the PFC funds obtained, the Airport will be able to make necessary capital improvements to the facility.

#### **5. Purchase Airfield Sweeper**

The Airport currently has no fully-functioning sweeper unit to clear debris, dirt, or other objects from runways, taxiways, or ramps. Lack of an Airport sweeper unit has been mentioned in the last two Part 139 FAA Certification Inspections. This project will purchase a dedicated runway sweeper unit so that a regular schedule of runway cleanings can be initiated.

The sweeper will be ordered in 2016.

Funding Sources:

FAA Entitlement: -0-  
FAA Discretionary: -0-  
State: -0-  
PFC: \$200,000  
Total Cost: \$200,000

This project will improve the safety of Airport operations.

#### **6. Terminal Rehabilitation Assessment - Study**

The Airport's passenger terminal building is 25 years old. (Opening was 1991.) From the date of opening, there have been numerous changes in passenger screening security requirements and airline operational procedures; further, the condition and functionality of certain terminal areas are no longer adequate to meet the needs of air passengers, employees, and the community. Therefore, a study of operational adequacy will be completed. This project will fund this analysis.

This study will start in 2016.

Funding Sources:

FAA Entitlement: \$225,000; a new grant application will be submitted

FAA Discretionary: -0-

State: -0-

PFC: \$25,000

Total Cost: \$250,000

This project is intended to increase the capacity and enhance the opportunity for competition at the Airport.

**7. Design Perimeter Road**

Large areas of the Airport lack a perimeter road system. This project will design a utility road parallel to the exterior fence. This road will be used by: 1) security patrols, 2) ARFF vehicles, and 3) Airport maintenance units.

This project is expected to start in 2016.

Funding Sources:

FAA Entitlement: \$243,000; a new grant application will be submitted

FAA Discretionary: -0-

State: -0-

PFC: \$27,000

Total Cost: \$270,000

This project will improve the safety of Airport operations by allowing Airport safety, security, and maintenance vehicles access to remote areas of the airfield.

**8. Construct Perimeter Road**

Large areas of the Airport lack a perimeter road system. This project will construct a utility road parallel to the exterior fence. This road will be used by: 1) security patrols, 2) ARFF vehicles, and 3) Airport maintenance units.

Construction is expected to start in 2017.

Funding Sources:

FAA Entitlement: \$1,257,357; a new grant application will be submitted

FAA Discretionary: \$1,172,643; a new grant application will be submitted

State: \$135,000

PFC: \$135,000

Total Cost: \$2,700,000

This project will improve the safety of Airport operations by allowing Airport safety, security, and maintenance vehicles access to remote areas of the airfield.

**9. Terminal Rehabilitation – Design**

PFC project number 6 (above) funded a study which identified issues with the Airport’s passenger terminal in the operational areas of TSA security, airline operations, passenger capacity, and other functional areas. This second step of the terminal rehabilitation effort will design proposed improvements. It is unknown at this time what exact changes might be included such as security area reconfiguration, passenger holdroom expansion, rest room rehabilitation, floor replacement with easier to clear surfaces, energy-saving enhancements, or other improvements. That is, the previously funded study will identify deficiencies and analyze the cost-benefit of improvement; this action will design the Airport’s selected changes. As previously noted, the building is suffering from inefficiencies as a result of changing airport operational requirements since its initial construction, as well as complaints from tenants, users, and passengers over lack of capacity and functionality.

This design is expected to start in 2017.

Funding Sources:

- FAA Entitlement: \$450,000; a new grant application will be submitted
- FAA Discretionary: -0-
- State: -0-
- PFC: \$50,000
- Total Cost: \$500,000

This project is intended to increase the capacity and enhance the opportunity for competition at the Airport by significantly improving the functionality of the Airport’s terminal.

**10. Design Crack Seal of Runway 6-24**

This runway is starting to show signs of cracking, loose stones, and water intrusion. This project will identify the repairs necessary and design the method of repair.

Design is expected to start in 2017.

Funding Sources:

- FAA Entitlement: \$45,000; a new grant application will be submitted
- FAA Discretionary: -0-
- State: -0-
- PFC: \$5,000
- Total Cost: \$50,000

This project is intended to preserve Airport capacity.

**11. Construct Crack Seal of Runway 6-24**

This runway is starting to show signs of cracking, loose stones, and water intrusion. This project will repair and fill the cracks and joints based on the design completed in PFC project number 10.

Construction is expected to occur in 2018.

Funding Sources:

FAA Entitlement: -0-

FAA Discretionary: \$135,000; a new grant application will be submitted

State: -0-

PFC: \$15,000

Total Cost: \$150,000

This project is intended to preserve Airport capacity.

**12. Terminal Rehabilitation – Construction**

Construction of the terminal rehabilitation will occur in this project.

Construction will start in 2018.

Funding Sources:

FAA Entitlement: \$1,505,000; a new grant application will be submitted

FAA Discretionary: \$2,995,000; a new grant application will be submitted

State: \$250,000

PFC: \$250,000

Total Cost: \$5,000,000

This project is intended to increase the capacity and enhance the opportunity for competition at the Airport.

**13. Design Taxiway F Rehabilitation / Widen**

This taxiway was identified in the Pavement Condition Report as being in poor condition. Further, it does not meet current taxiway width standards. This project will design reconstruction of the taxiway to the proper width with adequate drainage and a new surface.

Design will start in 2018.

Funding Sources:

FAA Entitlement: -0-

FAA Discretionary: \$157,500; a new grant application will be submitted

State: -0-

PFC: \$17,500

Total Cost: \$175,000

This project is intended to increase the capacity and enhance the opportunity for competition at the Airport. Currently, certain aircraft must use other runways or taxiways to avoid using this stretch of inadequate pavement. Safety will be enhanced if a fully-functioning Taxiway F is available for all-weather use by all-types of aircraft; further, if the width is adequate.

**14. Construct Taxiway F Rehabilitation / Widen**

This taxiway was identified in the Pavement Condition Report as being in poor condition. Further, it does not meet current taxiway width standards. This project will reconstruct the taxiway to the proper width with adequate drainage and a new surface.

Construction will occur in 2019.

Funding Sources:

FAA Entitlement: \$865,000; a new grant application will be submitted

FAA Discretionary: \$485,000; a new grant application will be submitted

State: \$75,000

PFC: \$75,000

Total Cost: \$1,500,000

This project is intended to increase the capacity and enhance the opportunity for competition at the Airport. Currently, aircraft must use other runways or taxiways to avoid using this stretch of inadequate pavement. Safety will be enhanced if a fully-functioning Taxiway F is available for all-weather use by all-types of aircraft.

**15. Design Runway 6-24 Paved Shoulders**

FAA standards call for paved shoulders on the main air carrier runway at Columbus. This project will provide design.

The design is anticipated to start in 2018.

Funding Sources:

FAA Entitlement: \$225,000; a new grant application will be submitted

FAA Discretionary: -0-

State: -0-

PFC: \$25,000

Total Cost: \$250,000

This project will improve the safety of Airport operations by having the main runway meet FAA standards.

**16. Construct Runway 6-24 Paved Shoulders**

FAA standards call for paved shoulders on the main air carrier runway at Columbus. This project will construct this improvement.

Construction is anticipated to start in 2019.

Funding Sources:

FAA Entitlement: \$2,475,000; a new grant application will be submitted

FAA Discretionary: -0-

State: -0-

PFC: \$275,000

Total Cost: \$2,750,000

This project will improve the safety of Airport operations.

**17. Master Plan Update**

The Airport's last Master Plan was completed in 2009. Changes in the competitive situation, FAA regulations, and Airport use have occurred since that time. Further, the FAA recommends recurrent update of airport Master Plans to assure the facility matches the actual and anticipated use. This project will fund preparation of a new Master Plan.

This project is programmed by the Airport for 2020.

Funding Sources:

FAA Entitlement: \$450,000; a new grant application will be submitted

FAA Discretionary: -0-

State: \$25,000

PFC: \$25,000

Total Cost: \$500,000

This project is intended to increase the capacity and enhance the opportunity for competition at the Airport.