

**NOTICE OF  
OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO  
PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGES**

The City of Rock Springs and County of Sweetwater, Wyoming and the Rock-Springs Sweetwater County Airport Board (Sponsor) are providing an opportunity for public comment until August 28, 2024 related to our Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Program. This notice includes information related to a proposed new Impose and Use PFC Application #6 for the Southwest Wyoming Regional Airport (RKS). This written notice is provided in accordance with requirements contained in Federal Aviation Regulation 49 CFR Part 158.24 Passenger Facility Charge.

The Sponsor plans to continue the maximum PFC allowable of \$4.50 per enplaned passenger. We anticipate collection to begin on December 1, 2024, with a total revenue impact of \$782,712. The PFC expiration date for these projects is estimated to be February 1, 2036. Future PFC projects will likely extend the expiration date. The eight projects described below are the proposed projects for PFC funding.

**06-001            Rehabilitate Taxiway A**

This project includes the design and construction of the rehabilitation of Taxiway A. Taxiway A is approximately 10,000' long and 50' wide. The rehabilitation included a variable depth milling with a new 2" P-401 asphalt course installed. The project included thermoplastic surface painted hold signs, pavement markings, and all necessary construction management, testing and quality controls and assurance.

Taxiway A is the primary taxiway for all aircraft operations and was last rehabilitated in 2002. It was suffering from significant swelling, raveling, and cracking with areas of ponding and damming. This project corrected non-standard geometry of Taxiway A near the end of Runway 9 as well as non-standard grading and ponding on the end of Runway 27 in accordance with the current design standards in Advisory Circular 150/5300-13, *Airport Design*.

The total cost of this project was \$3,207,578. Federal funds (AIP Grant 37) provided \$3,007,105 toward the project. State funds provided \$120,284 of the required local match. PFCs are requested to provide the remaining local match of \$80,189. This project started in July 2019 and was completed in June 2020.

**6-002            Reconstruct Taxiway B**

This project included the design and construction necessary for the removal of Taxiway B and extension of Taxiway E. The extension of Taxiway E is approximately 600' long by 50' wide. It was constructed with a 13" subbase, 6" base course, 5" of P-403 asphalt course and 4" of P-401 asphalt course. The old pavement of Taxiway B was narrowed to approximately 20' wide and converted to an ARFF access road. The project included thermoplastic surface painted hold

signs, pavement markings, and all necessary construction management, testing and quality controls and assurance.

The removal of Taxiway B and extension of Taxiway E corrected a non-standard direct access taxiway connector in accordance with the current design standards in Advisory Circular 150/5300-13, *Airport Design*. Conversion of Taxiway B to an ARFF access road was necessary to meet Part 139 requirements for ARFF response time.

The total cost of this project was \$1,466,667. Federal funds (AIP Grant 37) provided \$1,375,000 toward the project. State funds provided \$55,000 of the required local match. PFCs are requested to provide the remaining local match of \$36,667. This project started in July 2019 and was completed in June 2020.

#### **06-003            Rehabilitate Taxiway Lighting**

This project includes the design and rehabilitation of the taxiway lighting system and associated vault improvements. The taxiway lighting systems on Taxiways A, D and E were replaced with new LED lights, counterpoise, transformers, and wiring. All airfield signs were replaced, and the home run cables from the airfield to the lighting vault were replaced. In the vault, all airfield constant current regulators were replaced.

The existing lighting system was an incandescent system approximately 12-15 years old. Spare parts were difficult to obtain, and the system was experiencing multiple failures and reliability issues.

The total cost of this project was \$533,334. Federal funds (AIP Grant 37) provided \$500,000 toward the project. State funds provided \$20,000 of the required local match. PFCs are requested to provide the remaining local match of \$13,334. This project started in July 2019 and was completed in June 2020.

#### **06-004            Install Miscellaneous NAVAIDs – Beacon, Windcone and Segmented Circle**

This project includes the design and construction of a new rotating beacon, windcone and segmented circle. The rotating beacon was relocated on the airfield.

The rotating beacon was originally installed in the 1940's and was in need of replacement. The location of the existing beacon was in an area of potential future development, so the new beacon was sited near the airfield electrical vault where it could be connected to the emergency generator. The windcone frame was cracked and the segmented circle had experienced damage.

The total cost of this project was \$213,333. Federal funds (AIP Grant 37) provided \$200,000 toward the project. State funds provided \$8,000 of the required local match. PFCs are requested to provide the remaining local match of \$5,333. This project started in July 2019 and was completed in June 2020.

#### **06-005            Rehabilitate Airfield Pavements (2017) – Crack Seal and Seal Coats**

This project includes the design and construction of the crack sealing and seal coating of all airfield pavements including Runway 9/27, Runway 3/21, Taxiways A, D, C, and F, the general aviation apron, and the ARFF Access Road.

The project was necessary to preserve the service life of the asphalt pavements as part of the Airport's four-year pavement maintenance program. The pavements were suffering from raveling, joint spalling, various cracking and oxidation.

The total cost of this project was \$386,245. State funds provided \$327,730 of the project costs. PFCs are requested to provide the remaining eligible costs of \$58,515. This project started in June 2017 and was completed in September 2017.

#### **06-006            Rehabilitate Airfield Pavements (2021) – Crack Seal and Seal Coats**

This project includes the design and construction of the crack sealing and seal coating of all airfield pavements including Runway 9/27, Runway 3/21, Taxiways A, D, C, and F, the general aviation apron, and the ARFF Access Road.

The project was necessary to preserve the service life of the asphalt pavements as part of the Airport's four-year pavement maintenance program. The pavements were suffering from raveling, joint spalling, various cracking and oxidation.

The total cost of this project was \$732,478. State funds provided \$652,669 of the project costs. PFCs are requested to provide the remaining eligible costs of \$79,809. This project started in June 2021 and was completed in September 2021.

#### **06-007            Acquire Snow Removal Equipment**

This project includes the acquisition of the following three pieces of snow removal equipment (SRE):

1. A 2020 Western Star 4900SB Multi-Function Unit with an Overaasen RS400 Broom (22'), EP9 Displacement Plow (27') and a high speed air blast.
2. A 2021 Overaasen TV750 Rotary Plow (Blower) with a 7,500 ton per hour performance.
3. A 2024 MB MB3 Front Mount Broom

These pieces of SRE were necessary to ensure the Airport's ability to efficiently perform critical snow removal operations and prevent disruption to aircraft operations. The Multi-Function unit was new to the SRE fleet but did allow the Airport to decommission an inoperable Sweeper broom which was mounted to another piece of equipment, and convert that equipment to a dedicated plow truck. The Blower replaced a 2001 Stewart & Stevenson Loader Mount Blower that was no longer operable. The Front Mount Broom was also a new addition to the SRE fleet. These equipment purchases were made in accordance with *Advisory Circular 150/5220-20A, Airport Snow and Ice Control Equipment*.

The total cost of this project was \$2,378,141. State funds provided \$1,900,452 of the project costs. PFCs are requested to provide the remaining eligible costs of \$477,689. This project started in January 2019 and will be completed in June 2025.

**06-008            PFC Administration Costs**

PFC-eligible general formation costs included in this PFC project are the necessary expenditures to prepare the new PFC application. This includes funds necessary to prepare, amend and close the application. Development associated with the approved projects in this application will preserve capacity at the Airport. The total cost of this project is \$31,176. PFCs are anticipated to provide 100% funding for this project. This project started in July 2024 and will be complete in March 2025.

**Comments or a request for more detailed project descriptions should be sent to Mr. Devon Brubaker, A.A.E., Airport Director, 382 Hwy 370, Rock Springs, WY 82901.**