

February 1, 2012

*Savannah Airport Commission
Notice for Public Comment
Intention to Impose and Use a Passenger Facility Charge
at the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport*

The Savannah Airport Commission (Commission) is posting this public notice as part of the passenger facility charge (PFC) application process under 14 CFR § 158.24 for the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport (Airport). As part of this process, the Commission is providing the following information regarding proposed PFC Application No. 12-09-C-00-SAV:

Projects Previously Authorized for Collection of a PFC

The Commission will be requesting authorization to use PFC revenue on the following projects:

1. PA System Replacement

PFC Amount requested to Use: \$148,957

This project consists of replacing head-end equipment, microphone stations and other components of the legacy public address (PA) system in the airport terminal building. It also includes adding visual paging equipment for the hearing impaired throughout the terminal, and adding speakers in the main lobby area. Many critical system components in the PA system are over 5 years old and are no longer reliable. New additions are needed to improve audibility in the main lobby area, which is acoustically challenged, and to provide visual paging capabilities for the hearing impaired throughout the terminal.

2. Site Mitigation

PFC Amount requested to Use: \$60,000

This project consists of purchasing off-site wetlands mitigation credits to mitigate wetlands impacts of the future aviation-related development north of the terminal and Gulfstream Road. Approximately 40 acres of wetlands will be impacted by the fill necessary for the construction of taxiways, roads, and other aviation related development. Per National Environmental Policy Act requirements, any wetlands impacted by construction have to be recreated either on-site or off-site with credits purchased from a Corp of Engineers approved mitigation bank.

3. Relocate Gulfstream Road

PFC Amount requested to Use: \$72,194

This project consists of the realignment and reconstruction of Gulfstream Road north of the terminal, and constructing a tunnel to allow Taxiway A to pass over the road. Without this project, extending Taxiway A to the north would block Gulfstream Road, which is the secondary entrance to the airport and a main artery passing

through the airport and linking State Road 21 to Interstate 95 and the west side of Savannah. The realignment of Gulfstream Road and construction of the tunnel will allow unimpeded traffic flow between these areas and is more cost-efficient than rerouting Gulfstream Road around the airport's north property line. This project will allow the development of additional GA facilities on the north side of the airport to accommodate the expected growth of GA traffic.

4. T/W A Expansion North

PFC Amount requested to Use: \$2,781,665

This project consists of constructing an approximately 1,400 feet long by 75 feet wide extension of Taxiway A north of the terminal, crossing over Gulfstream Road and connecting with proposed Taxiway H. The northern portion of the airport property is the only available area on which to develop GA facilities to accommodate the expected growth in GA traffic. The construction of the Taxiway A extension to the north is the first stage in developing this area.

5. Electrical Vault Construction

PFC Amount requested to Use: \$20,200

This project consists of constructing an electrical vault for the Taxiway A extension north of the terminal, crossing over Gulfstream Road, and for the proposed Taxiway H. The location of the existing airfield electrical vault in the southeast quadrant of the airport does not make it practical to run new home run circuits for future runway and taxiway lighting systems located in the northernmost quadrant. A second electrical vault located in the northwest quadrant will allow the airport to separate the existing lighting circuits from all future electrical work, thus keeping costs down and minimizing the risk of overloading electrical service to either vault.

6. Taxiway H Construction

PFC Amount requested to Use: \$668,000

This project consists of constructing Taxiway H in the northwest area of the airport property. The taxiway will be 6,500 feet long and 75 feet wide and will connect to the Taxiway A extension. The northern portion of the airport property is the only available area on which to develop GA facilities to accommodate the expected growth in GA traffic. Constructing Taxiway H, along with the extension of Taxiway A, will allow for the development of this area.

7. Storm Water Update

PFC Amount requested to Use: \$16,250

This project consists of preparing an update to the airport's Storm Water Master Plan to provide updated information on the layout of the storm water drainage system. This information will be used in the Environmental Assessment for the future

aviation related development of airport property north of the terminal and Gulfstream Road. Future aviation related growth of the airport is limited to the northern portion of the airport's property and this project is part of the design phase for development in this area.

8. Gulfstream Road Tunnel Design Cost

PFC Amount requested to Use: \$5,474

This project consists of the design for realignment and reconstruction of Gulfstream Road north of the terminal, and constructing a tunnel to allow Taxiway A to pass over the road. The primary reason for the realignment and reconstruction of Gulfstream Road is to permit extending the current Taxiway A to the north to proposed Taxiway H. The extended Taxiway A will cross over Gulfstream Road, which will require the construction of a tunnel. Without this project, extending Taxiway A to the north would block Gulfstream Road, which is the secondary entrance to the airport and a major artery passing through the airport and linking State Road 21 to Interstate 95 and the west side of Savannah. The realignment of Gulfstream Road and construction of the tunnel will allow unimpeded traffic flow between these areas and is more cost-efficient than rerouting Gulfstream Road around the airport's north property line. This project will allow the development of additional GA facilities on the north side of the airport to accommodate the expected growth of GA traffic.

9. Airfield Electrical Vault Design Cost

PFC Amount requested to Use: \$2,053

This project consists of designing an electrical vault for the Taxiway A extension north of the terminal, crossing over Gulfstream Road, and for the proposed Taxiway H. The location of the existing airfield electrical vault in the southeast quadrant of the airport does not make it practical to run new home run circuits for future runway and taxiway lighting systems located in the northernmost quadrant. A second electrical vault located in the northwest quadrant will allow the airport to separate the existing lighting circuits from all future electrical work, thus keeping costs down and minimizing the risk of overloading electrical service to either vault.

10. Taxiway A Design

PFC Amount requested to Use: \$39,690

This project consists of the design for an approximately 1,400 feet long by 75feet wide extension of Taxiway A north of the terminal, crossing over Gulfstream Road and connecting with proposed Taxiway H. The northern portion of the airport property is the only available area on which to develop GA facilities to accommodate the expected growth in GA traffic. The construction of the Taxiway A extension to the north is the first stage in developing this area.

11. Taxiway H Design

PFC Amount requested to Use: \$21,214

This project consists of the design for proposed Taxiway H in the northwest area of the airport property. The taxiway will be 6,500 feet long and 75 feet wide and will connect to the Taxiway A extension. The northern portion of the airport property is the only available area on which to develop GA facilities to accommodate the expected growth in GA traffic. Constructing Taxiway H, along with the extension of Taxiway A, will allow for the development of this area.

Projects for which the Commission is Seeking Authority to Impose and Use a PFC

12. Traffic Survey Design

Project Start Date: February 2010

Project End Date: February 2011

Funding.

PFC	\$1,428
AIP 52	27,132
Total	<u>\$28,560</u>

Project Description.

This project is for the reimbursement of a traffic study which updated the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport's Traffic Impact Plan that provided information for accommodation of future development of airport property. It provided updated information on impacts of road systems that was used in the process of conducting the environmental assessment of the north aviation development area.

Project Justification.

This project was necessary because future aviation-related growth of the Airport is limited to the northern portion of the Airport's property. This was a part of the design stage for providing for future development in this area of the Airport and provided information to the Commission so that it could mitigate adverse community impacts by maintaining an east/west corridor between S.R. 21 and Interstate 95 through the Airport

Project Objective.

This project is assisting in preparing the northern portion of the airport for eligible development purposes. It has assisted in preserving practicability of aviation-related development of vacant Airport property north of the existing airfield area.

13. Terminal Curbside Canopy Extension

Funding.

PFC \$1,422,311 (Total Project)

Project Start Date: September 2011

Project End Date: March 2012

Project Description.

The curbside canopies at the upper level north and south ends of the terminal will be lengthened to add additional temporary parking spaces for passengers to unload and load their baggage. The entire second level curbside canopies will be widened to cover the entire width of the curbside lane in front of the terminal. The expansion of the canopy will allow vehicles to pull-up to the curb and unload under full cover. The second level canopy will also be extended approximately 50 feet to add an additional 12 to 16 covered temporary parking spaces on grade level in front of terminal for customers/ passengers to load and unload their baggage.

Project Justification.

Currently the drop-off passenger and baggage area does not cover total vehicle width and space is limited in front of the terminal. The current canopy extends approximately only 8'0' in width which leaves the driver's side of the vehicles and ½ of the trunk exposed to the elements. By extending the canopy and providing for additional temporary parking spaces, passengers will have full coverage from severe weather conditions.

Project Objective.

The canopy will protect passengers from inclement weather conditions while loading and unloading baggage at the terminal building and transiting to or from the inside of the building.

14. Tree Removal R/W 10 Approach

Funding.

PFC \$155,862 (Total Project)

Project Start Date: November 2010

Project End Date: November 2011

Project Description.

This project consists of reimbursement for the removal of trees that penetrated Part 77 imaginary surfaces at the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport's Runway 10 Approach. This is the first phase of a larger clearing project where all of the Airport's Runways' Part 77 imaginary surfaces will be cleared of obstructions.

Project Justification.

Runway 10 is the Airport's primary runway and has several trees penetrating the imaginary surfaces which needed to be removed immediately.

Project Objective.

The removal of trees within the Clear Zone Area of Runway 10 improves aircraft safety by removing obstacles.

15. Implementation & Administrative Costs for PFC Amendment No. 3 to Application No. 1, Amendment No. 1 to Application No. 8, and Application No. 9

Funding:

PFC \$39,600 (Total Project)

Project Start Date: November 2011

Project End Date: December 2012

Project Description.

This project includes professional fees for services provided by the Commission's consultants in developing, implementing, and coordinating, the PFC Program at the Airport.

Project Justification.

The Commission's administrative costs are PFC eligible under Part 158.13 and development associated with this application will preserve and enhance safety and airfield capacity. This effort will cover the filing of amendments to the Commission's Application No. 1, Application No. 8, and developing and filing this new PFC Application No. 9. Administrative costs are allowable if necessary and reasonable in the implementation of approved projects

Project Objective.

This project funds professional fees for services provided by the Commission's consultants in developing, implementing, and coordinating the PFC program at the Airport.

CLASS OF CARRIERS EXCLUDED FROM COLLECTING A PFC

The Commission plans to continue to exclude PFC collection from Air Taxi/Commercial Operators (ATCO) filing FAA Form 1800-31. The most recent official enplanement figures, for the year-end December 31, 2010, indicate that these carriers enplaned 156 passengers.

The known carriers in this class and their enplanement levels consist of the following:

ATCO Carriers Filing FAA Form 1800-31

Aero Jet Services	2
Air Lexington, Inc.	4
Executive Air Charter of Boca Raton	16
Jet Solutions LLC	117
Meridian Air Group, Inc.	1
Priester Aviation LLC	6
Quality Aviation, Inc.	4
Reliant Air Charter, Inc.	6
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ATCO Total	156
Airport Total	798,194
Percentage of Total	0.020%

Source: U.S. DOT ACAIS data base, October 14, 2011

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As shown above, the number of passengers enplaned annually by this class of carriers represents an amount less than one percent of the total enplaned passengers at SAV. In accordance with 14 CFR § 158.25, this class of air carriers may be requested to be exempted based on their enplanement levels and cost to SAV to collect PFCs from this class of air carriers.

PFC LEVEL

PFC Level: A four dollar and fifty cents charge (\$4.50) on passengers enplaned at SAV.

PROPOSED CHARGE EFFECTIVE DATE

Charge Effective Date: Based on projections of enplanements and anticipated charged expiration of application No. 10-08-C-00-SAV, charge effective date is estimated to be March 1, 2017.

ESTIMATED CHARGE EXPIRATION DATE

Estimated Charge Expiration Date: September 1, 2017 (or until collected PFC revenue plus interest thereon equals the allowable costs of the approved projects, as permitted by regulation).

ESTIMATED TOTAL PFC REVENUE

\$1,619,201 based on 1.0 percent annual growth in enplanements beginning in 2012 and an 81.7 percent collection rate on enplaned passengers.

COMMISSION POINT OF CONTACT

As required under 14 CFR § 158.24, the Commission will be accepting public comments on the proposed PFC Application No. 12-09-C-00-SAV up to thirty (30) days after the date of posting this public notice on our Internet Web site. Any comments should be sent to:

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