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PROPOSED PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE APPLICATION NO. 24-09-C-00-ELP TO THE FAA TO IMPOSE AND USE A PFC AT EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The City of El Paso (the City) has determined the need to submit to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application to impose at El Paso International Airport (ELP or the Airport) and to concurrently use PFC revenue at the Airport. The City has issued this public notice as part of the PFC application process as per Title 14 Code of Regulation (CFR) Part 158.24 Notice and Opportunity for Public Comment.

**Comment Period:** The City will accept public comments on the proposed PFC Application No. 24-09-C-00-ELP (PFC 24-09) from the day of posting through Wednesday, July 31, 2024.

City Point of Contact: Comments may be mailed to Ms. Deborah Olivas, Assistant Director of Aviation Administration, El Paso International Airport, 6701 Convair Rd, El Paso, TX 79925 or e-mailed at OlivasD@elpasotexas.gov.

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

The City 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 on eligible passengers enplaned at the Airport.

Charge Effective Date: December 1, 2024

Estimated Charge Expiration Date: November 1, 2027

Estimated Total PFC Impose and Use Revenue: \$16,643,550



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

### 9.1. 5-Node Remediation - Design and Construction

**Project Description:** This multi-phase project funds the design and construction for the Five (5) Node Remediation project at El Paso International Airport (ELP or Airport). This project will remove, reconfigure, and replace certain taxiway pavements to remediate a "hotspot" located near Taxiway J and G and the commercial service apron (**Exhibit 1.1**) where there are five possible travel paths, a five-node intersection. This project will implement a new taxiway network that will simplify the paths of travel in the area and remove taxiing aircraft from the adjacent apron.

**Project Justification:** The 5-Node hot spot is a hazard to aircraft, mediating this hazard improves airport safety, implementing a "three path concept" as indicated by FAA, to reduce the chance of runway incursions or other unsafe conditions. The FAA requires airport operators to proactively address unsafe conditions and implement measures to mitigate them. The rehabilitation of the apron pavement, which has exceeded its useful life, per FAA regulation, will be less likely produce Foreign Object Debris (FOD) that could be ingested by an aircraft taxiing in the area. Therefore, the rehabilitation of these pavement areas is necessary to preserve capacity of the Airport.

#### 9.2 Terminal Ramp Pavement Rehabilitation - Design and Construction

**Project Description:** This project funds for the design and construction for the rehabilitation of the terminal apron adjacent to and surrounding the eastern portion of the terminal. This project will rehabilitate approximately 100,000 square yards of Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) pavements. This project includes select full-depth reconstruction of PCC panels, rehabilitation of select PCC panels, joint rehabilitation, and joint seal rehabilitation.

**Project Justification:** The terminal ramp, which is common use supports all of the commercial gates at ELP. The terminal ramp was last rehabilitated in 1998 and 2004 has exceeded its minimum useful life based on the AIP Handbook. A pavement evaluation completed in 2024 identified this pavement section with an average PCI of 55 which is considered in poor condition. The rehabilitation and the accompanying elimination of potential FOD preserves safety and preserves capacity.

#### 6.3 General Aviation (GA) Apron Rehabilitation

**Project Description:** This project funds the design and construction for the rehabilitation of approximately 250,000 square yards of asphalt concrete pavement on the General Aviation apron.

**Project Justification:** The GA ramp was last rehabilitated in 1992 and 2002 and has exceeded its minimum useful life based on the AIP Handbook. A pavement evaluation completed in 2024 identified these pavement sections with an average PCI of 42 which is considered in serious to poor condition.



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9.04 PFC Administrative Costs

**Project Description:** This project provides for the preparation and implementation of an application to "Impose and Use" a PFC at ELP, 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 24-09**

Pro No.	Project Title	Pay-Go	Total PFC	Anticipated AIP	Anticipated BIL-AIG	Local Funding	Total Project Cost
9.01	5-Way Node Remediation - Design and Construction	\$3,693,339	\$3,693,339	\$29,642,293	\$0	\$0	\$33,335,632
9.02	Terminal Ramp Pavement Rehabilitation - Design and Construction	\$3,438,273	\$3,438,273	\$24,740,057	\$6,206,273	\$0	\$34,384,603
9.03	GA Apron Rehabilitation - Design and Construction	\$9,463,172	\$9,463,172	\$0	\$17,130,092	\$5,000,000	\$31,593,264
9.04	PFC Administrative Costs	\$48,766	\$48,766	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$48,766
Total		\$16,643,550	\$16,643,550	\$54,382,350	\$23,336,365	\$5,000,000	\$99,362,265



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