

Public Notice

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In accordance with US Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration 14 CFR Part 158 Passenger Facility Charges, the Yuma County Airport Authority, Inc. (YCAA) as owner and operator of Yuma International Airport has authority to Impose and Use a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) as specified in 14 CFR Part 158.

Prior to submitting this application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the YCAA is required to provide the following information to the public, all air carriers and foreign air carriers with a significant business interest in the airport:

- The total PFC charges that will be applied for projects in the application is \$500,000. A brief summary of each project is provided below.
- In order to provide funding for the projects listed, the YCAA will impose a four dollar and fifty cent (\$4.50) PFC charge per enplaned passenger. The current PFC charge expiration date is March 1, 2023; the estimated new charge expiration date is March 1, 2025 based upon current enplanement figures of approximately 55,000 passengers per year.

As required in 14 CFR Part 158(a)(3), the YCAA has scheduled a consultation meeting to be held at 10:00am Arizona time on February 17, 2022 in the conference room of the Yuma International Airport terminal building at 2191 East 32nd Street, Yuma, Arizona 85365 for further review of the projects with the air carriers.

As required in 14 CFR Part 158(b) in preparation for the meeting, the information below contains a summary for each PFC project in this application including:

1. A description of the projects;
2. An explanation of the need for the projects; and
3. A detailed financial plan for the projects, including:
 - i. The estimated allowable project costs allocated to major project elements;
 - ii. The anticipated total amount of PFC revenue that will be used to finance the projects; and
 - iii. The source and amount of other funds, if any, needed to finance the projects.

Project 1: Replace FOD Removal Equipment - Airfield Power Sweeper

Project Description: The Yuma County Airport Authority, Inc. (YCAA) has established a Foreign Objects Debris (FOD) management program in order to ensure the safety of the flying public at the Yuma International Airport. An important element of this program is the utilization FOD removal equipment, including the use of an airfield power sweeper. The YCAA is seeking PFC funding necessary to provide for the replacement of existing antiquated equipment for the purpose of sweeping taxiways and aprons clear of FOD to ensure a safe operating environment for commercial airlines as well as the flying public.

Project Eligibility: The YCAA contends that the replacement of the existing airfield power sweeper is authorized by provisions contained in Table L-2 (i) as stated in Appendix L of AIP Handbook 5100.38D, Change 1 as follows:

- The existing airfield power sweeper was acquired in June of 2009. (over ten years old)
- The area included in our FOD management plan to be swept totals over 624,850 square yards.
- The airport has over 83,000 annual operations each year.

The YCAA will utilize PFC funds to acquire a power sweeper designed and manufactured specifically to comply with standards, and performance criteria contained in AC 150/5210-24 Appendix B.

Project Purpose: The Airport must maintain surfaces free of Foreign Objects/Debris (FOD) in order to ensure the safety of the flying public.

Estimated Project Implementation Date: The acquisition will begin on May 1, 2022

Estimated Project Completion Date: July 1, 2022

Estimated Total Cost: \$250,000

Funding: PFC Funds \$ 250,000

Project 2: Replace Passenger Boarding Equipment – Acquire three (3) Passenger Boarding Ramps

Project Description: The boarding of passengers at the Yuma International Airport is currently being accomplished by the use of two (2) boarding ramps. These boarding ramps provide access to commercial aircraft entry doors from the surface of the aircraft parking apron. These two (2) boarding ramps are not sufficient in number to service our increased activity levels, which have reached up to seven (7) flights daily. Additionally, the two (2) existing boarding ramps are antiquated and do not provide sufficient operational capability to reach aircraft models being considered for future operations at the airport.

Project Eligibility: The YCAA contends that the replacement of the two (2) existing commercial aircraft boarding ramps and the acquisition of a third is eligible for the following reasons:

- Existing boarding ramps were acquired using operational funds over twenty years ago.
- The two (2) existing boarding ramps are not capable of servicing three (3) flights simultaneously which has become a necessity with expanded operations.
- Existing boarding ramps no longer reach desired commercial aircraft entry height necessary for operations by desirable aircraft such as the Airbus 321 or Boeing 737.
- The airport passenger terminal does not support passenger boarding bridges.

The YCAA will utilize PFC funds to acquire three (3) passenger boarding ramps designed and manufactured specifically to comply with standards, and performance criteria contained in AC 150/5220-21C capable of servicing aircraft with access door sill heights from sixty (60) inches to one-hundred thirty-three (133) inches.

Project Purpose: The proposed acquisition of three (3) new passenger boarding ramps will ensure the safe loading of passengers onto commercial flights at the Yuma International Airport. The new equipment will ensure the operational capability necessary to service a range of aircraft from the CRJ-200 to the Airbus 321 and Boeing 737.

Estimated Project Implementation Date: The acquisition will begin on May 1, 2022

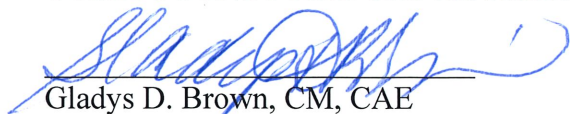
Estimated Project Completion Date: July 1, 2022

Estimated Total Cost: \$250,000

Funding: PFC Funds \$ 250,000

If you have any comments concerning this proposal, please submit them in writing to my office within 30 days of receipt of this notice or please plan to attend the consultation meeting. Should you have any questions regarding the information provided please contact me at 928-726-5882.

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