

**NOTICE OF
OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO
PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGES
New PFC #9 Application (24-09-C-00-VPS)**

The Okaloosa County Airports (the County) is providing an opportunity for public comment until **September 30, 2024** related to a proposed new Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application 24-09-C-00-VPS (PFC #9) for the Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport (Airport or VPS). PFC proceeds will be used to fund eligible project costs for certain projects at the Airport. This written notice is provided in accordance with requirements contained in Federal Aviation Regulation 49 CFR Part 158.24 Passenger Facility Charge. Accordingly, the County is providing the public with the following information regarding the proposed PFC #9.

HISTORY OF THE PFC PROGRAM AT THE AIRPORT

The County has previously received approval from the FAA for eight (8) PFC applications, as well as several amendments to the applications dating back to 2000. The current amounts approved to be collected under all PFC applications are shown in **Table 1**. Since its inception, through March 31, 2024, the County has collected \$47,291,869 in PFCs and PFC interest earnings.

PFC LEVEL

The County is seeking approval from the FAA to charge \$3.00 on passengers enplaned at the Airport for the impose and use projects included in this PFC application.

CHARGE EFFECTIVE DATE

Proposed charge effective date of June 1, 2025 (the month following the current FAA authorized charge expiration date for approved PFC applications) or upon expiration of collection of PFCs for currently approved applications, whichever comes first.

ESTIMATED CHARGE EXPIRATION DATE

The estimated charge expiration date is estimated to be December 1, 2027 (or until collected revenues plus interest thereon equal the allowable costs of the approved projects, as permitted by regulation).

ESTIMATED TOTAL PFC REVENUE UNDER THIS APPLICATION

This application will increase the County's collection and use authority by an additional \$8,647,189, which would increase the Airport's total PFC collection authority for PFC applications #1 through #9 to \$60,063,235.

Description of each new project pursuant to Section 158.23 (a)(1)

Table 2 below provides a summary of the proposed PFC #9 project costs and the amounts proposed to be funded with PFCs.

A brief summary of each project is also provided below.

Project 1: RON Apron Expansion

PFC Total: \$5,197,189

Description: The RON apron expansion would expand the current RON apron to allow for three additional aircraft to be parked, whether awaiting an open gate for departure or various maintenance issues without tying up a useable gate. In addition to the apron pavement, the project would include rehab of existing ground power outlets and addition of new permanent GPUs for the added RON spaces, along with area lighting on high-mast poles that remain below the Part 77 surface for Eglin's 12-30 Runway. The last component will include a clamshell or similar design prefabricated tent structure or shelter to provide a more suitable area for performing maintenance actions protected from the weather.

Justification: With the increased commercial traffic through VPS growing and our current airline expansions, there is a growing need for more overnight parking. Current airline providers have had several instances where the existing RON apron has had aircraft occupy both positions, whether it be a blown tire, flap issue, or require an engine swap. Some of these aircraft issues have required a RON position for over a week to resolve and ferry the aircraft out. The expansion of east side RON apron is needed for increased operations and surge needs or charters that may utilize the airport during various regional events throughout the year. For these reasons additional apron space is needed to most efficiently facilitate aircraft operations for the airlines and traveling public.

Project 2: Covered Walkway Expansion Phase 2

PFC Total: \$3,400,000

Description: This project will extend shade structures adjacent to the west side of concourse C. Project scope items include covered structures, lighting, security cameras, and extension of the public address (PA) system for the airport to reach all shade structures leading to the main terminal. Signage would be updated to clearly inform passengers of where to go throughout the coverings, as well as pavement markings at cross walks. The project scope also includes scope items that will be funded without PFCs, including sidewalks leading towards the future east employee parking lot and shelters at designated shuttle stop locations throughout the parking lots

Justification: Multiple areas of covered walkway extensions are desired to protect passengers from the elements as well as traffic moving in and out of the main terminal area and supporting parking lots. Northwest Florida experiences extreme heat and frequent thunderstorms posing hazards to the traveling public. These risks can be mitigated by extending the covered walkways network and adding shuttle stops. Shaded structures will be able to better protect passengers traveling to and from the airport while enhancing the passenger experience. Similarly, extending infrastructure such as PA systems, security cameras, and lighting throughout the project will increase our safety and security throughout the campus.

Project 3: PFC Application #9 Preparation Costs

PFC Total: \$50,000

Description: This project includes the costs to develop the proposed PFC #9 application, consult with the airlines, provide for public comment, prepare and file Application No. 24-09-C-00-VPS and related attachments, and notify airlines of collection requirements.

Justification: The preparation costs (as delineated in the description for this project) incurred to prepare this PFC #9 application will be reimbursed under this project. These costs will be incurred in conjunction with the projects that are proposed for approval under either Section 158.15(b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3), or (b)(6) of the Regulation. Therefore, the County submits these costs as reasonable and necessary costs of preparing the PFC program submitted under this Application as prescribed under Section 158.3 of the Regulation.

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The County will be accepting public comments on the proposed PFC Application 24-09-C-00-VPS until **September 30, 2024**, which, as required under 14 CFR Section 158.24, provides a minimum of thirty (30) days after the posting of this Notice on our website (posting date **August 6, 2024**). Any comments or questions should be sent to **Allyson Oury, Airports Chief Financial Officer, 1701 State Rd 85 N, Eglin AFB, FL 32542-1498** or at aoury@myokaloosa.com.

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Table 1
Current PFC Program Approvals

Application Number	Approved for Collection	Approved for Use	Collection Level	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Status
00-01-C-00-VPS	\$38,358,324	\$38,358,324		January 1, 2001	November 1, 2011	Open
00-01-C-01-VPS	(4,079,606)	(4,079,606)				
00-01-C-02-VPS	128,992	128,992				
00-01-C-03-VPS	(18,326,740)	(18,326,740)				
00-01-C-04-VPS	(345,130)	(345,130)				
Total PFC #1	\$15,735,840	\$15,735,840	\$4.50			
03-02-C-00-VPS	\$2,885,235	\$2,885,235		November 1, 2011	August 1, 2012	Open
03-02-C-01-VPS	(1,536,226)	(1,536,226)				
03-02-C-02-VPS	(17,304)	(17,304)				
Total PFC #2	\$1,331,705	\$1,331,705	\$4.50			
07-03-C-00-VPS	\$1,143,435	\$1,143,435		August 1, 2012	February 1, 2013	Closed
07-03-C-01-VPS	(384,653)	(384,653)				
Total PFC #3	\$758,782	\$758,782	\$4.50			
08-04-C-00-VPS	\$1,485,650	\$1,485,650		February 1, 2013	March 1, 2013	Closed
08-04-C-01-VPS	(1,368,014)	(1,368,014)				
08-04-C-02-VPS	(7,553)	(7,553)				
Total PFC #4	\$110,083	\$110,083	\$4.50			
10-05-C-00-VPS	\$7,816,386	\$7,816,386		March 1, 2013	March 1, 2014	Closed
10-05-C-01-VPS	(6,526,240)	(6,526,240)				
10-05-C-02-VPS	106,778	106,778				
Total PFC #5	\$1,396,924	\$1,396,924	\$4.50			
15-06-C-00-VPS	\$6,182,856	\$6,182,856		March 1, 2014	March 1, 2017	Open
15-06-C-01-VPS	(627,500)	(627,500)				
15-06-C-02-VPS	(156,362)	(156,362)				
Total PFC #6	\$5,398,994	\$5,398,994	\$4.50			
19-07-C-00-VPS	\$19,116,456	\$19,116,456		March 1, 2017	December 1, 2021	Open
Total PFC #7	\$19,116,456	\$19,116,456				
22-08-C-00-VPS	\$7,567,262	\$7,567,262		December 1, 2021	June 1, 2025	Open
Total PFC #8	\$7,567,262	\$7,567,262				
TOTAL	\$51,416,046	\$51,416,046				

^{1/} The PFC collection level for PFC #7 was lowered to \$3.00 on August 1, 2022.

Sources: Okaloosa County Airports and FAA Final Agency Decisions.

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Table 2
Proposed PFC #8 Projects

PFC Project #	Project Description	State Grants	Local Share		Total Project Cost	PFC Collection Level
			PFCs	County		
09-001	RON Apron Expansion	\$2,302,811	\$5,197,189	\$0	\$7,500,000	\$3.00
09-002	Covered Walkways Expansion Phase 2	\$800,000	\$3,400,000	\$800,000	\$5,000,000	\$3.00
09-003	PFC Application #9 Preparation Costs		\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$3.00
TOTALS		\$3,102,811	\$8,647,189	\$800,000	\$12,550,000	

Source: Okaloosa County Airports