

## MOBILE AIRPORT AUTHORITY (1/27/2025)

# PROPOSED PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE (PFC) APPLICATION NO. 25-09-C-00-MOB TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO IMPOSE AT MOBILE REGIONAL AIRPORT AND USE AT MOBILE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

## NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Mobile Airport Authority (the Authority) has determined the need to submit to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application to impose PFC revenue at Mobile Regional Airport (MOB or the Airport) and to concurrently use PFC revenue at Mobile International Airport (BFM). The Authority 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 Authority will accept public comments on the proposed PFC Application No. 25-09-C-00-MOB (PFC 25-09) up to thirty (30) days after the date of posting this public notice. As such, comments must be received on or before Thursday, February 27, 2025.

Authority Point of Contact: Comments may be mailed to Mr. James Britain, Vice President – Finance and Accounting, Mobile Airport Authority, 1891 9th Street, Mobile, AL 36615 or e-mailed at jbritain@mobairport.com.

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

The Authority will seek authority from the FAA to impose/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:** March 1, 2025 (which reflects the charge expiration date for PFC Application No. 21-08-C-00-MOB).

**Estimated Charge Expiration Date:** March 1, 2058 (or until PFC revenue plus interest thereon equals the allowable cost of the approved projects, as permitted by regulation).

#### **Estimated Total PFC Impose and Use Revenue:** \$51,453,302

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

#### 9.01 New Terminal Apron – Design and Construction

**Project Description**: This project funds for the design and construction of a new terminal apron at BFM. Located north of the existing terminal, the project involves demolishing existing pavements and underground infrastructure. This project will construct approximately 23,300 square yards of new Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) apron, including subbase, base, and necessary underground infrastructure to support the new terminal and aircraft operations.



**Project Justification**: This project is essential for the relocation of commercial air service operations from MOB to BFM. Studies such as the VHB Mobile Metropolitan Airport System Study funded by the FAA and the 2020 BFM Master Plan, along with stakeholder input, have supported this move. Key factors include passenger leakage to competing airports due to the Airport's location and limited accessibility, and the need to centralize operations at BFM to enhance passenger operations and facilitate economic growth through partnerships with the Aeroplex.

In preparation for the move from MOB to BFM, the Authority is constructing a new terminal and necessary infrastructure to support commercial operations. This project will enable airside aircraft access to the new terminal, preserving service and capacity. The new terminal apron will support five gate spaces and serve as a non-exclusive use cargo apron, supporting up to three additional cargo positions.

The existing pavement was installed in 1942 and has exceeded its useful life per FAA Order 5100.38D Change 1, *Airport Improvement Program Handbook*, (AIP Handbook) and justified for reconstruction.

## 9.02 Terminal Ramp Pavement Rehabilitation – Design and Construction

**Project Description**: This project funds for the design and construction for the Terminal Apron Reconstruction Phase 2 project at BFM. This project will include full depth reconstruction of approximately 42,000 square yards of pavement area which includes removing existing PCC surface, making improvements to the subgrade and apron subbase, installing new PCC, and restriping affected areas. This project will also install the necessary electrical and drainage infrastructure to support the apron area.

**Project Justification**: In preparation for the move from MOB to BFM, the Authority is constructing a new terminal and necessary infrastructure to support commercial operations. This project will enable airside aircraft access to the new terminal, preserving service and capacity. The existing pavement was installed in 1942 and has exceeded its useful life per the AIP Handbook and justified for reconstruction to maintain safe aircraft operations.

#### 9.03 PFC Administrative Cost

**Project Description:** This project provides for the preparation and implementation of a PFC application, 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 Part 158.3, PFC Administrative Support Costs.



Funding	Sources	for	PFC	25-09

PFC Revenue Requested										
Pro No.	Project Title	PFC Level	Pay-Go	Bond Capital	Finance & Interest	Total PFC	Anticipated AIG / ATP Funds	State Funding	Total Project Cost	Total Project Cost w/ Interest
9.01	New Terminal Apron -Design and Construction	\$4.50	\$0	\$18,348,529	\$17,402,187	\$35,750,716	\$0	\$0	\$18,348,529	\$35,750,716
9.02	Terminal Ramp Pavement Rehabilitation - Design and Construction	\$4.50	\$0	\$8,045,996	\$7,631,017	\$15,677,013	\$7,904,449	\$878,305	\$16,828,750	\$24,459,767
9.03	PFC Administrative Costs	\$4.50	\$25,573	\$0	\$0	\$25,573	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,573
	Total		\$25,573	\$26,394,525	\$25,033,204	\$51,453,302	\$7,904,449	\$878,305	\$35,177,279	\$60,236,056

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