

Public Notice Information

Passenger Facility Charge Use Application

For Northwest Alabama Regional Airport

Colbert and Lauderdale Counties, owner and operator of Northwest Alabama Regional Airport (Airport), intends to submit an Impose and Use Application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for approval to collect a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) of \$4.50 per passenger from eligible passengers enplaned at the Airport. The PFC revenue will be applied to projects identified in the Airport’s application to the FAA.

The project(s) to be included in the Impose and Use Application are:

Project	Description
1. Prepare Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application	This project covers the cost preparing and submitting the PFC application.
2. Runway 12/30 Seal Coat and Markings	This project includes the crack seal and seal coat of approximately 1,104,240 SY of asphalt on Runway 12/30 and connector taxiways. All connector taxiways will be rehabilitated to the limits of the RSA. The 2021 Pavement Management Plan noted this project is necessary to preserve the useful life of the pavement.
3. Taxiway B and C Rehabilitation	This project includes the mill & overlay of Taxiway B (north of Taxiway A) and Taxiway C. Approximately 7,580 SY of asphalt taxiway will be rehabilitated. This project will include milling, surface preparation, 3-inch HMA overlay, and new taxiway markings. The 2021 Pavement Management Plan noted the TW B (North of TW A) PCI as 66.64 and TW C is 36.00. The pavement is showing signs of significant cracking and weathering/raveling. A PCI in this range requires major rehabilitation. The approximate age of these pavements are 15 to 20 years old.
4. Taxiway B and C Medium Intensity Taxiway Lighting (MITL)	LED Medium Intensity Taxiway Lighting will be installed along Taxiway B and C to replace old incandescent lighting that has reached the end of its useful life. Installing LED lighting will increase energy efficiency of the airfield electrical system. The approximate age of the lighting systems are 15 to 20 years old.
5. Airport Master Plan Update	The Airport Master Plan creates a blueprint for airport development by illustrating existing and proposed facility improvements. It will depict all applicable design standards as it relates to landing areas, movement areas, aircraft parking areas, the terminal area and the various safety and object free areas around the runways and taxiways. The project will also include airspace and land use layouts around the airport. The last Master Plan updated was in 2014. The Airport Master Plan will be developed in accordance with FAA AC 150/5070-6B.

<p>6. Airfield Drainage Repairs Phase 1 and 2</p>	<p>The airport was originally constructed in the 1940s. Much of the original airfield infrastructure remains in use – including the subsurface drainage associated with the North Apron. The existing drainage infrastructure has long exceeded its useful life and needs repair. Several locations show signs of cracked and leaking subsurface drainage pipes.</p> <p>This project involves surveying the existing subsurface drainage pipes with closed-circuit television (CCTV) inspection and installing cured-in-place piping (CIPP) within the existing subsurface drainage pipes. When CIPP is installed, it essentially creates a “pipe within a pipe” and restores the inner surface of the pipe to like-new conditions, thus significantly increasing the useful life of the pipe.</p>
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The proposed charge levels, collection amounts and objectives for these projects are as follows:

Project	Charge Level	Collection Amount	PFC Objective	Type
Prepare Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application	\$4.50	\$19,943	Preserve Safety	Impose and Use
Runway 12/30 Seal Coat and Markings	\$4.50	\$15,800	Preserve Safety	Impose and Use
Taxiway B & C Rehabilitation and Medium Intensity Taxiway Lighting	\$4.50	\$50,000	Preserve Safety	Impose and Use
Airport Master Plan Update	\$4.50	\$12,500	Enhance Safety	Impose and Use
Airfield Drainage Repairs Phase 1 and 2	\$4.50	\$7,500	Preserve Safety	Impose and Use
	TOTAL COLLECTION	\$105,743		

The total PFC collections requested to be used on these projects are: **\$105,743**. The proposed effective date is **May 1, 2026**. The PFC collection period will last approximately three years, nine months with an estimated charge expiration date of **January 1, 2030**. The expiration date is calculated based on average PFC collections at the Airport in 2025.

Alternative methods for financing would include use of local funds. Since local funds are very limited, PFC funds are requested in order to successfully implement these projects.

Comments on the proposed PFC may be directed to:

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Comments will be accepted until 5:00 pm Central Time on March 27, 2026.