

**Public Notice – Passenger Facility Charge PFC Application No. 6  
Amendment No. 2  
Charlotte Douglas International Airport**

**Effective: December 6, 2021**

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 158.24, the city of Charlotte (“City”), owner and operator of the Charlotte Douglas International Airport (“Airport”), hereby provides public notice (“Public Notice”) of the City’s intention to amend Passenger Facility Charge (“PFC”) Application Number 6 (17-06-C-01-CLT) previously approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) to fund, in whole or in part, certain eligible improvements at the Airport.

As required by Part 158.24(a)(1), the following information is included in this Public Notice:

- (i) Descriptions of the projects;
- (ii) A brief justification of the need for the projects;
- (iii) The PFC level for each project;
- (iv) The estimated total PFC revenue for each project;
- (v) The proposed charge effective date for the application;
- (vi) The estimated charge expiration date for the application;
- (vii) The estimated total PFC revenue that will be used to finance the projects; and
- (viii) The name of and contact information for the person within the public agency to whom comments should be sent.

The City is undertaking this program of capital improvements and funding them with PFCs on a PAYGO and leveraged basis. The City is applying to the FAA for the authority to amend the amount of PFC revenue needed to pay the PFC eligible cost of the proposed project work elements (“PWEs”) approved in the City’s PFC Application No. 6 (as it is being amended).

Background:

The City submitted and on May 16, 2017 the FAA approved, PFC Application No. 6 and the imposition of a \$3.00 PFC for 23 PWE’s, 22 of which were approved for impose and use. One project was approved for collection only. The approved collection amount for PFC Application No. 6 was \$539,354,470.

On July 18, 2019, the FAA approved the City’s first amendment to PFC Application No. 6 (“Amendment No. 1 to PFC Application No. 6”). Amendment No. 1 to PFC Application 6 removed one project (Concourse E Expansion Phase 8). Removing this project resulted in a reduction of PFC collection authority by \$24,876,695 to \$514,477,774.

The City is now seeking a second amendment to PFC Application No. 6 (“Amendment No. 2 to PFC Application No. 6”) to amend the costs of two projects (PWE 6.7 Passenger Boarding Bridge Replacements and PWE 6.8 Concourse E Passenger Boarding Bridges) to reflect current project costs. This amendment will increase the Impose and Use authority for PFC

Application 6 by \$18,550,777 to \$533,028,551. This amendment will not impact the PFC level (\$3.00). The proposed Charge Effective Date for PFC Application Number 6 will remain March 1, 2020. The Charge expiration date will remain November 1, 2027.

In summary, the City's proposed PFC Amendment Number 2 to PFC Application Number 6 increases the total PFC revenue approved for impose and use on the PFC eligible costs in PFC Application Number 6 from by \$18,550,777 to \$514,477,774.

The following sets forth the PWEs amended in Amendment No. 2 to PFC Application No. 6, including a description of the project, justification for the projects and the estimated total PFC revenue the City will use for project.

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# I. PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS, OBJECTIVES AND JUSTIFICATIONS

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## PROJECT TITLE:

### PWE 6.7 PASSENGER BOARDING BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS (27)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project will replace 26 city-owned, preferential use passenger boarding bridges (PBBs) on Concourses A, B, C, and D. One additional PBB will also be added on Concourse A in a space that is currently used as hardstand for aircraft parking. *Any reference to where gates were to or will be assigned is removed in this Amendment to reduce any confusion which may occur should the actual gate numbering system on the Concourses be modified by the airport.*

The estimated cost of this PWE is now \$29,195,135 which is \$11,122,438 higher than the amount approved (\$18,072,697) in PFC Application No. 6. This represents an approximately 62% increase over the amount originally approved for this PWE. This increase is attributable to the actual contract costs for these PBB's.

**PROJECT OBJECTIVE:** This will preserve and enhance capacity at the Airport and for the national air transportation system. This project will preserve capacity at the Airport by providing the necessary replacement of 26 PBBs, the useful lives of which have been exceeded, and will enhance capacity by adding one additional boarding bridge.

**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:** The PBBs requiring replacement average more than 30 years of age, surpassing the equipment's useful life. These PBBs fail due to their age and require frequent repairs to maintain passenger boarding operations. The additional PBB needed for Concourse A is required to provide covered access to an existing hardstand aircraft parking position. Equipping an additional gate with a PBB will enhance capacity by allowing passengers to board the aircraft faster, thereby reducing the amount of time aircraft utilize the gate and the boarding area. All gates are operated on a preferential basis as outlined in the Airline Use Agreement. *Any reference to where gates were to or will be assigned is removed in this Amendment to reduce any confusion which may occur should the actual gate numbering system on the Concourses be modified by the airport.*

### FINANCING PLAN - AMENDED

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|----------------------|--------------|
| Project Cost:        | \$29,195,135 |
| AIP Grants Existing: | \$0          |
| AIP Grants Future:   | \$0          |
| PFC PAYGO:           | \$29,195,135 |
| PFC Bonds:           | \$0          |
| Non-PFC Bonds:       | \$0          |
| % PFC Est.           | 100%         |

**PROJECT TITLE:**

**PWE 6.8 CONCOURSE E PASSENGER BOARDING BRIDGES**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project includes the foundation and electrical infrastructure construction and acquisition and installation of eleven (11) new passenger boarding bridges for preferential use gates on Concourse E. These passenger boarding bridges will be owned by the City and located on Concourse E gates. Concourse E Expansion Phase 8 (PWE 6.8) will be designed to accommodate passenger boarding bridges. *Any reference to where gates were to or will be assigned is removed in this Amendment to reduce any confusion which may occur should the actual gate numbering system on the Concourses be modified by the airport.*

These gates are all operated preferentially pursuant to the Airline Use Agreement. **Three of these gates are operated by the City and the remaining are operated by American Airlines.**

The estimated cost of this PWE is now \$21,850,601, which is \$7,428,339 higher than the amount approved (\$14,430,262) in PFC Application No. 6. This represents an approximately 51% increase over the amount originally approved for this PWE. This increase reflects the actual contract costs for these PBB's.

**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:** This PWE will enhance capacity at the Airport and for the national air transportation system by providing passenger boarding bridges for existing and additional gates being constructed.

**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:** Certain gates on existing Concourse E do not have passenger boarding bridge equipment. As a result, passengers utilizing these gates are required to enplane and deplane aircraft in open elements on the Aircraft Operating Area (AOA). This PWE will equip 11 existing gates with passenger boarding bridges to allow passengers to board the aircraft faster, without having direct access to the AOA, thereby reducing the amount of time aircraft utilize the gate and the boarding area. This project will also enhance capacity by shielding passengers from the elements during the boarding process. *Any reference to where gates were to or will be assigned is removed in this Amendment to reduce any confusion which may occur should the actual gate numbering system on the Concourses be modified by the airport.*

**FINANCING PLAN - AMENDED**

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| Project Cost:        | \$21,858,601 |
| AIP Grants Existing: | \$0          |
| AIP Grants Future:   | \$0          |
| PFC PAYGO:           | \$21,858,601 |
| PFC Bonds:           | \$0          |
| Non-PFC Bonds:       | \$0          |
| % PFC Est.           | 100%         |

## II. DETAILED FINANCIAL PLAN

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The City proposes to undertake this program of capital improvements and to fund them with PFCs on a PAYGO debt leveraged basis. The City is applying to the FAA for the authority to amend the impose and use PFC revenue to pay the PFC eligible cost of the proposed project work elements (“PWEs”).

The City proposes to impose a \$3.00 PFC to pay the PFC eligible costs of the PWEs. The proposed charge effective date for PFC Amendment Number 2 to PFC Application Number 6 will remain to be March 1, 2020. The charge expiration date is November 1, 2027. The City does not propose to amend this date.

The City’s proposed PFC Amendment Number 2 to PFC Application Number 6 increases the total PFC revenue approved for impose and use on the PFC eligible costs in PFC Application Number 6 by \$18,550,777to \$533,028,551.

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The public is invited to provide written comment or request additional information through **January 6, 2022** by writing:

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