



Public Notice

# PFC Application #2 Niagara Falls International Airport

April 12, 2018



# Agenda

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# PFC Program at the Niagara Falls International Airport

- **PFC imposed since 2017, \$4.50 level**
  
- **One approved PFC application**
  
- **FAA approvals for \$400,289**
  - Collection authority legal expiration: October 1, 2018
  - Approx. \$500K annual collections

# Notice to Air Carriers and Consultation Meeting

- **On March 9, 2018, the Authority provided written notice to the air carriers that it would hold this consultation meeting; the notice included:**
  - Project descriptions
  - PFC level and total PFC revenue
  - Charge effective and expiration dates
  - Class of air carrier not required to collect the PFC
  - Date, time, and location of air carrier consultation meeting
  
- **This notice provides all information required under 14 CFR, §158.23(b) and 158.24(b) regarding consultation with air carriers and notice to the public**
  - Project descriptions and justifications
  - PFC level, proposed charge effective and expiration dates
  - Estimated PFC revenue for collection and use
  - Detailed project financial plans
  - Contact information for airline and public comments

# Class of Air Carrier Not Required to Collect PFC

- **Air taxi / commercial operators (ATCOs)**
  - Administrative burden of collections would outweigh revenues
  - Currently excluded from collection
  
- **The following ATCOs provided service to 683 enplaned passengers at IAG in CY 2016:**
  - Tradewind Aviation, LLC
  - Atlas Air, Inc.
  - Eastern Airlines Group, Inc.
  - Jet Aviation Flight Services, Inc.
  - Sun Country Airlines
  - Xtra Airways

# Air Carrier Requirements

- **In accordance with 14 CFR, §158.23, each air carrier shall provide written certification of agreement or disagreement with the proposed application by Monday, May 14, 2018.**
  - If an air carrier does not provide certification, the air carrier is considered to have certified its agreement.
  - A certification of disagreement must contain the reasons for such disagreement; the absence of such reasons shall void the certification of disagreement.
  
- **Airline certifications and public comments should be sent to:**
  - Darren Kempner
  - Manager, Grants and Gov't Affairs
  - Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority
  - 181 Ellicott Street
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  - Phone: 716.855.7305
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### **PFC Revenue Request \$1,087,864**

- Collect and use
- May revise downward as analysis continues to refine project eligibility

### **Application details**

- PFC level: \$4.50 per eligible enplaned passenger
- Effective date: October 1, 2018 (upon expiration of PFC #1)
- Estimated expiration date: October 1, 2020
- Pay-as-you-go basis

# Application No. 2 Project List

Project		Fiscal Year	Proposed PFC	Airport Improvement Program	Additional Funding Sources	Total Project Cost
Proj #	Description		PFC Pay-Go	AIP Funds	Other Revenue	Total
1	Airfield Lighting Vault	047-2017	\$18,126	\$326,264	\$18,126	\$362,516
2	Part 77 Obstruction Removal, Design/Construction	2018	\$79,188	\$1,425,385	\$79,188	\$1,583,761
3	Parallel Taxiway Program - Phase I and II, Environmental Study and Design	2018 & 2020	\$202,139	\$3,638,500	\$202,139	\$4,042,778
4	Airfield Lighting Signage, Design and Construction	2019	\$156,411	\$2,815,397	\$156,411	\$3,128,219
5	SRE Building Expansion, Design	2020	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	\$600,000
6	PFC Planning and Program Administration	2018-2020	\$32,000	\$0	\$0	\$32,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,087,864</b>	<b>\$8,205,547</b>	<b>\$455,864</b>	<b>\$9,749,274</b>

- The following project, which was included in the March 9<sup>th</sup> notice, has been deleted at this time and may be included in a future application.

Access Road Program - Bell Aerospace Property, Land Acquisition \$1,000,000



# 1. Airfield Lighting Vault

■ **Description:**

- The NFTA is seeking the use of PFC revenue for the local match for AIP project 3-36-0086-047-2017. The project will:
  - replace the 480VAC/3-phase, 250KW diesel emergency generator and Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS) with a new emergency generator and ATS of the same size and capacity.
  - In addition, the project will replace seven Constant Current Regulators (CCR) that control airfield lighting.

**Justification:**

- All equipment have exceeded their useful life.
- The project will prevent component failure to the electrical vault.

Federal	State	PFC	Total
\$326,264	\$18,126	\$18,126	\$362,516

## 2. Obstruction Removal, Design/Construction

### ■ Description:

- The NFTA is seeking the use of PFC revenue for the local match for a Federal Fiscal Year 2018 AIP project.
- The project will include design and construction services associated with the removal of vegetative obstructions near the Runway 10L end.

### ■ Justification:

- The removal of these obstructions to the approach/departure surfaces allow for safe and efficient use of the airspace per FAA Advisory Circular 150/5300-13A.

Federal	State	PFC	Total
\$1,425,385	\$79,188	\$79,188	\$1,583,761

# 3. Parallel Taxiway Program - Phase I and II, Environmental Study and Design

## ■ Description:

- This project will complete the environmental study and design phases for improvements to Taxiway B, its connectors B1 and B2, and rehabilitation of former Taxiway E.
- The NFTA is seeking the use of PFC revenue for the local match for Federal Fiscal Year 2018 and 2019 AIP projects.

## ■ Justification:

- The Sustainable Master Plan proposed a Parallel Taxiway Program to improve
  - the safety,
  - capacity, and
  - flow of the airfield.

Federal	State	PFC	Total
\$3,638,500	\$202,139	<b>\$202,139</b>	\$4,042,778

## 4. Airfield Lighting Signage, Design and Construction

### ■ Description

- The purpose of this project is to upgrade the illuminated airfield signs, the wind cone, and control tower beacon at IAG.
- The NFTA is seeking the use of PFC revenue for the local match for Federal Fiscal Year 2019 and 2020 AIP projects.

### ■ Justification

- The existing equipment has exceeded its useful life and does not meet current FAA guidelines.

Federal	State	PFC	Total
\$2,815,397	\$156,411	<b>\$156,411</b>	\$3,128,219

# 5. Snow Removal Equipment Building Expansion, Design

## ■ Description

- This project will design the expansion of the existing snow removal equipment building as recommended in the Sustainable Master Plan. The building design will conform to Advisory Circular 150/5220-18A.

## ■ Justification

- The Airport’s snow removal equipment is currently stored in a facility that has insufficient capacity for snow removal equipment; numerous pieces of maintenance equipment are stored outside due to lack of covered storage. The expansion of the snow removal equipment building is necessary to provide sufficient storage capacity as well as outdoor space for circulation.

Federal	State	NFTA	PFC	Total
\$--	\$--	\$--	\$600,000	\$ 600,000

# 6. PFC Administration Costs

## ■ Description

- The NFTA is seeking the use of PFC revenue for the reimbursement of reasonable and necessary costs specific to work performed for the planning and preparation of this PFC application.
- The NFTA will use internal staff to perform administrative tasks within this project.

## ■ Justification

- Under 14 CFR, §158.13(b), PFC administrative support costs may be paid with PFC revenues.

Federal	State	PFC	Total
\$--	\$--	\$32,000	\$32,000

# Process and Schedule

Milestone	Timeframe	
Notice letter mailed to airlines	<b>March 9</b>	✓
<b>Air carrier consultation</b>	<b>April 12</b>	<b>Today</b>
Public notice	April 12	
Air carrier comment deadline	May 14	
Public comment deadline	May 14	
Submit final application to FAA	June - July	
FAA decision	Within 120 days after submission (Expected September)	