

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

Cedar Rapids Airport Commission Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Application number 15-06-C-00-CID to impose a passenger facility charge (PFC) at The Eastern Iowa Airport (CID) and for use at The Eastern Iowa Airport (CID).

In accordance with §158.29 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 158), this Final Agency Decision includes all appropriate determinations to approve or disapprove, in whole or in part, imposition of a PFC at CID for eight (8) projects and use of PFC revenue on eight (8) projects at CID.

Procedural History (Dates)

Public Notice Posted: November 19, 2014

Air carrier consultation meeting: December 4, 2014

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) application receipt: May 13, 2015

FAA finding that application is substantially complete: June 2, 2015.

PFC Level, Amount, and Charge Effective Date

Level of PFC:	\$4.50
Total approved net PFC revenue in this decision:	\$24,526,972
Amount approved for use in this decision:	\$24,526,972
Earliest charge effective date:	May 1, 2016

May 1, 2016, is the "earliest" charge effective date and is based upon the estimated charge expiration date for the previously approved collections in application 09-05-C-00-CID. If the Cedar Rapids Airport Commission (Commission) changes the charge expiration date for the previous application, the charge effective date for this application will also change, so that the Commission can continue to collect the authorized amount of PFC revenue without a cessation in collections. Section 158.43(c) contains information regarding notification to air carriers and foreign air carriers of the charge effective date and changes to the charge expiration date. In establishing its charge effective date, the public agency must comply with §158.43(b)(3), which states, in part, that the charge effective date will be the first day of a month which is at least 60 days from the date the public agency notifies the carriers of approval to impose the PFC.

<u>Description:</u>	<u>Approved Amount</u>
Project 003	
Passenger Boarding Bridges	
Pay-as-you-go	\$4,313,652

This project will acquire and install six (6) passenger boarding bridges. The boarding bridges are climate controlled and adjustable to accommodate both large and regional jets. This project replaces five (5) boarding bridges that are aged and deteriorating.

Determinations:

Approved for collection and use.

PFC objective: This project preserves capacity at CID. The new boarding bridges are able to accommodate new aircraft types and prevents passengers from walking on the airport apron to board aircraft and deplane. The new boarding bridges are reliable and will reduce congestion which preserves capacity at The Eastern Iowa Airport (CID).

Basis for eligibility: Chapter 3 and paragraph N of FAA Order 5100.38D, AIP Handbook, (September 30, 2014).

Estimated total project cost: \$4,313,652.

Proposed sources of financing: PFC revenue.

<u>Description:</u>	<u>Approved Amount</u>
Project 004	
Replace CCTV – Terminal Building	
Pay-you-as-go	\$ 346,147

This project will purchase and install the replacement CCTV cameras strategically located in the public and secured areas of the terminal building.

Determinations:

Approved for collection and use.

PFC objective: This project preserves safety and security at CID. The existing CCTV Systems installed in 1992 is beyond its useful life. Due to the system's age, it has become increasingly difficult and expensive to obtain replacement parts. The project improves passenger safety and security at the Airport and brings online new emerging technology in the security industry. This project preserves security at The Eastern Iowa Airport (CID).

Basis for eligibility: Chapter 3 and paragraph L of FAA Order 5100.38D, AIP Handbook. (September 30, 2014).

Estimated total project cost: \$346,147

Proposed sources of financing: PFC revenue.

<u>Description:</u>	<u>Approved Amount</u>
Project 005	
Rehabilitate Airfield Pavement	
Pay-as-you-go	\$1,294,625

This project includes the rehabilitation of the concrete pavement on Taxiway C South, rehabilitation of the concrete on crosswind Runway 13/31 South; construction of Taxiway E. The major construction items include pavement removal, storm sewer, grading, concrete pavement, lighting and pavement markings. The project also eliminates a safety issue at the intersection of Taxiway A and Runway 13/31.

Determinations:

Approved for collection and use.

PFC objective: This projects preserves safety at CID. The project is necessary to maintain FAA Standards. This project reduces a Hot Spot identified by the FAA Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) Also, the pavement base consisted of 50 year old Portland concrete that was in poor condition and the rehabilitation of the pavement will extend the useful life. The project preserves safety on the airfield at The Eastern Iowa Airport (CID)

Basis for eligibility: Paragraph 3-7 and paragraph H of FAA Order 5100.38D, AIP Handbook, (September 30, 2014).

Estimated total project cost: \$12,96,252.

Proposed sources of financing: Proposed sources of financing: PFC revenue requested per this application of \$1,294,625; AIP Funding grants: 3-19-0012-44-2012 \$6,56,655 and 3-19-0012-47-2013 \$5,154,972.

<u>Description:</u>	<u>Approved Amount</u>
Project 006	
Acquisition of ARFF Vehicle	
Pay-as-you-go	\$648,275

This project will acquire an Airport Rescue and Firefighting Vehicle to replace an existing ARFF vehicle that has reached the end of its useful life.

Determinations:

Approved for collection and use.

PFC Objective: This project will preserve the safety at CID. The acquisition of a new ARFF vehicle will enhance operational safety and efficiencies when responding to airfield incidents. The vehicle is necessary to meet FAR Part 139 requirement. The project enhances safety on the airfield at The Eastern Iowa Airport (CID).

Basis for eligibility: Paragraph 3-10 and paragraph L of FAA Order 5100.38D, AIP Handbook, (September 30, 2014).

Estimated total project cost: \$ 648,275

Proposed sources of financing: PFC revenue.

<u>Description:</u>	<u>Approved Amount</u>
<u>Project 006</u>	
PFC Application Development	
Pay-as-you-go	\$15,000

This project includes the Commission's expense of developing a PFC capital improvement program (CIP) and funding plan, conducting airline consultation meeting, preparing drafts and final versions of a new PFC application, coordination of the application with the FAA, and other tasks required for the Commission's PFC program.

Determinations:

Approved for collection and use.

PFC objective: Projects undertaken as a result of this application will preserve and enhance capacity at CID. Thus, this project meets the PFC objective of preserving and enhancing capacity of the national air transportation system.

Basis for eligibility: This project is generally eligible under specific PFC criteria, section 158.13 definition of allowable costs. Allowable costs as defined by §158.3 are those costs which are reasonable and necessary to carry out the approved project.

Estimated total project cost: \$15,000

Proposed sources of financing: PFC revenue.

<u>Description:</u>	<u>Approved Amount</u>
<u>Project 008</u>	
PFC Program Administration	
Pay-as-you-go	\$453,750

This project includes the annual expense that the Commission will incur during each year in which PFC revenue is estimated to be used to pay for PFC eligible projects. Costs expected to be incurred by the Commission include the preparation of the appropriate documentation for reporting and recordkeeping as required in 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 158.63(a), general administration overhead, and consulting fees associated with the continued management of the PFC program.

Determinations:

Approved for the use of PFC revenue.

PFC objective: Projects undertaken as a result of this application will preserve and enhance capacity at CID. Thus, this project meets the PFC objective of preserving and enhancing capacity of the national air transportation system.

Basis for eligibility: This project is generally eligible under specific PFC criteria, section 158.3 definition of allowable costs. Allowable costs as defined by §158.3 are those costs which are reasonable and necessary to carry out the approved project.

Estimated total project cost: \$453,750.

Proposed sources of financing: PFC revenue.

Environmental Requirements

The projects approved in this application for concurrent authority to impose and use the PFC were examined under the guidelines contained in FAA Order 5050.4A, Airport Environmental Handbook (1985) and these projects have been determined to be categorically excluded from the requirement for formal environmental review. There appear to be no extraordinary circumstances requiring further review.

Request Not to Require a Class or Classes of Carriers to Collect PFC's.

The Commission requests that the following class of air carriers be excluded from the requirement to collect PFC's: Air Taxi/Commercial Operators filing FAA Form 1800-31.

Determination: Approved. Based on information contained in the Commission's application, the FAA has determined that the proposed class accounts for less than 1 percent of CID's total annual enplanements. The Commission should confirm, on an annual basis using prior year enplanement data, that the approved class does not exceed 1 percent of the total enplanements at CID.

Compliance with the Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990 (ANCA)

The FAA is not aware of any proposal at CID that would be found to be in violation of the ANCA. The FAA herein provides notice to the Commission that a restriction on the operation of aircraft at CID must comply with all applicable provisions of the ANCA and that failure to comply with the ANCA and Part 161 makes the Commission subject to provisions of Subpart F of that Part. Subpart F, "Failure to Comply With This Part," describes the procedures to terminate eligibility for AIP funds and authority to collect PFC revenues.

Compliance with Subsection 47107(b) Governing Use of Airport Revenue

As of the date of this approval the Cedar Rapids Airport Commission has not been found to be in violation of 49 U.S.C. 47107(b) or in violation of grant assurances made under 49 U.S.C. 47107(b).

Air Carrier Consultation and Public Notice Comments

The Commission did not receive any certifications of disagreements from any air carrier as a result of the Commission's air carrier consultation process. There were no comments received by the Commission as a result of the public notice and request for comments.

Legal Authority

This decision is made under the authority of 49 U.S.C. 46110 and 40117, as amended. This decision constitutes a final order to approve, in whole or in part, the Cedar Rapid Airport Commission's application to impose a PFC at CID and use PFC revenue on seven (7) projects at CID. Any party to this proceeding having a substantial interest may appeal this decision to the courts of appeals for the United States or the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia upon petition, filed within 60 days after issuance of this decision.

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