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## Notice of Intent to Impose and Use the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Program

The State of Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) Aeronautics Division intends to file an application with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), to impose and use Passenger Facility Charges for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) projects at Yellowstone Airport, West Yellowstone, MT. As required under Section 158.23 Part 158 – Passenger Facility Charges, MDT is hereby providing written notice to the public. MDT intends to file for reimbursement of match funding for AIP projects derived from FY2011 through FY2020.

The following sections provide the information required under Section 158.23 of Part 158 and MDT's intent to file the aforementioned application, to impose and use PFC revenues.

### Section 158.23(a) (1). Description of Projects – Impose and Use

**MDT will file an application with the FAA to continue to impose and use PFCs for the following AIP projects:**

#### **Project 1. Airfield Signing – AIP 3-30-0082-010-2011**

Reimburse local share for AIP 3-30-0082-010-2011. Install (replace existing) airfield guidance signs which was noted as a discrepancy during the FAA Safety Inspection of the airport operations.

Total Project Cost—\$91,420  
Federal Participation—\$86,849  
PFC--\$4,571

#### **Project 2. Miscellaneous Airport Improvement (paint non-precision markings on Runway 1) – AIP 3-30-0082-010-2011**

Reimburse local share for AIP 3-30-0082-010-2011. Painting of non-precision markings on Runway 1 was required to meet airport design standards and Part 139 Requirements.

Total Project Cost—\$33,225.26  
Federal Participation—\$31,564  
PFC--\$1,661

**Project 3. Construct ARFF Building (Design) – AIP 3-30-0082-010-2011**

Reimburse local share for AIP 3-30-0082-010-2011. ARFF building will accommodate the equipment needed to meet the requirements of Part 139. This project is the design phase.

Total Project Cost—\$64,553.68  
Federal Participation—\$61,326  
PFC--\$3,227

**Project 4. Airport Master Plan – AIP 3-30-0082-011-2011**

Reimburse local share match for AIP 3-30-0082-011-2011. The airport master plan is a long-range planning document for Yellowstone Airport and the FAA. This plan describes the airport's current status and also outlines an orderly direction for airport development, which yields a safe, efficient, and environmentally acceptable air transportation facility.

Total Project Cost – \$198,924.21  
Federal Participation – \$188,978  
PFC – \$9,946

**Project 5. Wildlife Hazard Assessment – 3-30-0082-012-2012**

Reimburse local share match for AIP 3-30-0082-012-2012. The requirement for a wildlife hazard assessment (WHA) was noted during the Part 139 FAA Safety Inspection. The airport was not in full compliance under 139.337B4. A WHA was conducted and a full report was produced as well as a wildlife hazard management plan (WHMP). This plan will aide airport operations staff in how to best mitigate potential wildlife habitat and hazards.

Total Project Cost – \$33,265.56  
Federal Participation - \$29,939  
PFC – \$3,326

**Project 6. Airfield Electrical Rehab – 3-30-0082-013-2012**

Reimburse local share match for AIP 3-30-0082-013-2012. The airfield electrical rehab project was a complete replacement of the runway and taxiway lighting systems in addition to a new runway regulator. The lighting systems had exceeded their useful life and were a maintenance problem. The new up to date system will provide sustained reliability for many years to come.

Total Project Cost – \$356,378.89  
Federal Participation – \$320,741  
PFC – \$35,637

**Project 7. Pavement Maintenance – 3-30-0082-014-2013**

Reimburse local share match for AIP 3-30-0082-014-2013. The pavement maintenance project was a complete crack seal, fog seal, and striping of the apron, taxiway and Runway 01/19. This project was long overdue and necessary to keep the pavement surfaces in a safe condition for the traveling public.

Total Project Cost – \$273,984.44  
Federal Share – \$246,586

PFC – \$27,398

**Project 8. ARFF Building (Construction) – 3-30-0082-015-2014**

Reimburse local share match for AIP 3-30-0082-015-2014. ARFF building will accommodate the equipment needed to meet the requirements of Part 139. This project is the construction phase.

Total Project Cost – \$917,152  
Federal Share – \$825,437  
PFC - \$91,715

**Project 9. Rehabilitate Taxiway T-1 (Design)—3-30-0082-016-2015**

Reimburse local share match for AIP 3-30-0082-016-2015. The taxiway was overdue for a rehabilitation. This project is the engineering design to rehabilitate the full-length taxiway 8,399' and the entire aircraft apron parking area.

Total Project Cost – \$227,120  
Federal Share – \$204,408  
PFC – \$22,712

**Project 10. Rehabilitate Apron A-1 to A-5 (Design)—3-30-0082-016-2015**

Reimburse local share match for AIP 3-30-0082-016-2015. Design for rehabilitation of 26,450 square yards of apron pavement that had reached the end of its useful life.

Total Project Cost –\$227,118.88  
Federal Share -- \$204,407  
PFC -- \$22,711

**Project 11. Remove Obstructions—3-30-0082-016-2015**

Reimburse local share match for AIP 3-30-0082-016-2015. The obstruction removal project entailed the removal of Part 77 Airspace obstruction violations surrounding the airfield environment. The obstructions (trees) were completely removed in the noted problematic areas Runway 1/19 approach and transitional surfaces.

Total Project Cost – \$34,433.33  
Federal Share – \$30,990  
PFC – \$3,443

**Project 12. Acquire Snow Removal Equipment—3-30-0082-016-2015**

Reimburse local share for AIP 3-30-0082-016-2015. The snow removal equipment (SRE) acquisition project was necessary as the airport was noted during its Part 139 FAA Safety Inspection to not be in full compliance. The airport did not have the means to mitigate snow events as required under 139.313A. The airport acquired a multi-purpose SRE (tractor with bucket, broom, plow and blower) and now has the capabilities to remove snow for smooth and safer air carrier operations in and out of the airport.

Total Project Cost – \$263,711.11  
Federal Share – \$237,340  
PFC – \$26,371

**Project 13. Terminal Area Master Plan – 3-30-0082-017-2016**

Reimburse local share for AIP 3-30-0082-017-2016. The terminal area master plan project was a full assessment of the terminal campus facilities and a plan for future needs. This document was required by the FAA in order to address future terminal improvements. Through this study it was determined that the airport's terminal building has well exceeded its useful life and requires a full replacement.

Total Project Cost – \$209,426.67  
Federal Participation – \$188,484  
PFC – \$20,942

**Section 158.23(a)(2). PFC Level, Charge Effective Date, Charge Expiration Date, and Total Revenue**

**PFC Level:**

\$4.50 per enplaned passenger at Yellowstone Airport.

**Proposed Charge Effective Date:**

June 1, 2025

**Estimated Charge Expiration Date:**

October 1, 2030

**Estimated Total PFC Revenue:**

\$269,089 – Not including interest.

**Section 158.23(a)(3). Request that a Class of Carrier not be Required to Collect PFCs**

**(i) Class Designation:** The class of carrier that would not be required to collect a PFC, if approved by the FAA, is the on demand, non-scheduled Air Taxi/Commercial Operators. The following is the list of those operators known to MDT at this time:

Netjets Aviation, Inc.  
Priester Aviation, LLC

**(ii) and (iii) Names of Known Carriers Belonging to Class Identified in this Section and Estimated Number of Annual Enplaned Passengers:**

Calendar Year 2018 Carrier enplanements:

Netjets Aviation, Inc. – 37  
Priester Aviation, LLC - 2

**(iv) Reasons for Requesting that Carriers Identified in this Section Not be Required to Collect the PFC:** The number of passengers enplaned annually by these types of carriers represents 0.47% of total enplanements at Yellowstone Airport. In accordance with Section 158.11 of Part 158, MDT will request in its Application to Impose and Use PFCs that collection of PFCs by any class of air carriers or foreign air carriers with enplanements totaling no more than 1% of the total number of passengers enplaned annually at Yellowstone Airport not be required. This would be the case with the on demand, non-scheduled Air Taxi/Commercial Operators.

MDT will be accepting comments until March 13, 2020. Comments can be submitted to:

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Additionally, if you have any questions concerning this action please contact Jeff Kadlec, Airport Manager directly at [jkadlec@mt.gov](mailto:jkadlec@mt.gov) or 406-646-7631.