NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGES

Outagamie County, Wisconsin is providing an opportunity for public comment until April 2, 2024 related to our proposed new Impose and Use Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application #10 for the Appleton International Airport. This written notice is provided in accordance with requirements contained in Federal Aviation Regulation 49 CFR Part 158.24 Passenger Facility Charge.

Outagamie County plans to continue the maximum PFC allowable of \$4.50 per enplaned passenger. We anticipate collection to begin on August 1, 2036, with a total revenue impact of \$34,955,284. The PFC expiration date for the two projects described below is estimated to be January 1, 2055. Future PFC projects will likely extend the expiration date.

The County recommends continued exclusion of Air Traffic/Commercial Operators (ATCO) filing FAA Form 1800-31, from the collection of PFCs. These nonscheduled/on demand air carriers comprise less than 1% of the total enplanements at ATW. There were no enplanements for any ATCO class of carrier reported in 2022. We request this exemption based on the complexity of record keeping, the cost of implementation of collecting and monitoring the PFC program for small carriers, and the fact that ATCOs account for such a small percentage of total enplanements.

10-001 Passenger Terminal Building Concourse Expansion and Rehabilitation

This project includes the design and construction of an expansion to the Airport's passenger concourse, modifications at the connection between the new expansion to the existing concourse, and rehabilitation of the existing concourse. The project is expected to include approximately 62,472 square feet of expanded space. The project will add four common use gates to the concourse and includes four passenger boarding bridges. In addition to the gates, the project will provide public restrooms, a mother's room, a service animal relief area, and a concessions area. The project also includes the acquisition of public holdroom seating. The project includes the relocation of an existing passenger boarding bridge, an elevator and generators, a hearing loop, and solar and microgrid sustainability infrastructure.

This project is necessary to accommodate the passenger traffic growth that has occurred and is anticipated at ATW. Enplanements at the Airport have increased more than 75% since 2018. Historical enplanements (as reported by the FAA from 2018 through 2022; 2023 enplanements per ATW) are as follows:

Calendar		
Year	Enplanements	% Growth
2018	275,835	-
2019	386,737	40.2%
2020	184,128	(52.4%)
2021	352,006	91.2%
2022	416,390	18.3%
2023	484,714	16.4%

Additionally, the FAA's January 2024 Terminal Area Forecast estimates enplanements at ATW will grow to over 580,000 by 2030 and over 715,000 by 2040. In 2018, the Airport served ten destinations. That number grew to sixteen destinations in 2023 with two additional destinations planned for 2024. With the advent of larger regional and narrow-body jet aircraft serving ATW over the last few years, terminal and concourse facilities became more congested during peak operations. Development of the new concourse expansion will provide facilities that will meet higher levels of service for passenger enplanements and improvements to aircraft operations.

This project started in November 2023 and be completed in December 2025. The total estimated costs and anticipated funding sources for this project are as follows:

Estimated Costs:	
Design	\$5,794,737
Construction (Based on Bids)	66,938,123
Construction Administration	3,298,504
Total Estimated Capital Costs	\$76,031,364
Financing & Interest	8,650,661
Total Estimated Costs	\$84,682,025
Funding Sources:	
AIP Entitlement Funds (FY23 and FY24)	\$4,430,375
BIL/AIG Funds (FY22 and FY23)	6,171,627
AIP Discretionary	17,251,412
BIL/ATP Funds (FY24)	3,420,000
Wisconsin State Funding	7,000,000
PFC Bond Capital	15,000,000
PFC Pay-as-you-go funds	11,204,623
Local Funds	11,553,327
Total Capital Funding Sources	\$76,031,364
PFC Financing & Interest	8,650,661
Total Funding Sources	\$84,682,025
Total PFCs Requested	\$34,855,284

10-002 PFC Administration Fees

PFC-eligible general formation costs included in this PFC project are the necessary expenditures to prepare and administer the new PFC application. This includes funds necessary to prepare, amend and close the application. Development associated with the approved projects in this application will preserve and enhance capacity at the Airport. The total cost of this project is \$100,000. PFCs are anticipated to provide 100% funding for this project. This project started in July 2023 and will be complete in January 2055.

Comments or a request for more detailed project descriptions should be sent to Abram Weber, Airport Director, Appleton International Airport, W6390 Challenger Drive, Suite 201, Appleton, WI, 54914.