



**ILM**

*New Hanover County  
Airport Authority  
PFC Public Notice*

*October 16, 2023*



# Public Comment

Pursuant to Section 158.24(b) of the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) regulations, the New Hanover County Airport Authority hereby provides notice of opportunity for the public to comment on a proposed PFC application. Details of the proposed application are presented herein. Any comments to this public notice should be sent by November 17, 2023 to:

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# History of PFC Program at ILM

- In 1994, County received approval to impose a PFC at \$3.00 which was increased to \$4.50 in 2003
- To date, the County has received the approval for 8 applications for a total collection authority of \$47,656,145
- As shown on Table A - there are 2 open PFC approvals

Table A		
PFC Program at ILM		
Approved PFC Application #	Total Use Collection Authority	Status
93-01-C-04-ILM	1,526,487	Closed
97-02-U-01 ILM	-	Closed
98-03-C-02-ILM	7,984,994	Open
03-04-C-04-ILM	5,474,351	Closed
07-05-C-00-ILM	5,404,898	Closed
14-06-C-06-ILM	3,954,690	Closed
16-07-U-02-ILM	-	Closed
19-08-C-00-ILM	23,310,725	Open
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 47,656,145</b>	
Collections through 7/1/23	\$ 38,057,681	
Amount remaining to collect	\$ 9,598,464	



## Description of New Application and Projects

- 09-001 Terminal Curbside and Airport Boulevard Improvements
- 09-002 Acquisition of ARFF Vehicle
- 09-003 PFC Consulting Services
- 09-004 PFC Application Administration



# 09-001 Terminal Curbside and Airport Boulevard Improvements

1. Design of the following items 2. through 8. below.
2. Expansion and modifications to Airport Boulevard entrance road, two lanes, and exit road, two lanes with turn and/or merge lanes as needed for vehicles to access the airport.
3. Construction of a new service roadway, two lanes with travel lanes in each direction, that will be accessed from the entrance road to the landside loading dock. This will include a turnaround area near the loading dock to allow truck traffic to back into the loading dock.
4. Construction of a return to Terminal Loop roadway which will be a new one lane, one way roadway to allow traffic to recirculate.
5. Expansion and modifications to Terminal Drop-off/Pick-up Curb to be one-way with four lanes for private vehicles and one-way with three lanes for commercial vehicles. This will also include pedestrian crossings from the terminal sidewalk to the parking lot curb at three areas to provide access to the terminal building. The curb ramp at each pedestrian crossing will be ADA accessible.
6. Relocation of rental car pickup/return area across from the terminal building to accommodate 200 rental car vehicles as well as return lanes. The entry/exit plazas will also be improved. (This element is not eligible for PFC funding.)
7. Improvements to short-term parking areas to accommodate 250 vehicles including ADA parking stalls and aisles as well as development of premium parking area to accommodate 100 vehicles. The entry/exit plazas will also be improved. (This element is not eligible for PFC funding.)
8. Improvements to long-term parking area within the Airport Boulevard Loop to accommodate 2,150 vehicles including ADA parking stalls. The entry/exit plazas will also be improved. (This element is not eligible for PFC funding.)
9. Project will also include all necessary utility improvements and upgrades to support the Project elements; roadway and parking lighting; drainage improvements; standard roadway signs as well as variable message signs; wayfinding signage for vehicles and pedestrians; parking signage with parking space availability information; and landscaping.

**Project Justification:** ILM experienced its highest enplanement level in 2022 which strained facilities, including the terminal roadway and curb front, during peak periods. Enplanements are forecast to continue to grow at ILM reached more than 750,000 enplanements annually.



# 09-002 Acquisition of ARFF Vehicle

ILM will acquire a new 6x6 ARFF Vehicle crash truck capable of carrying 3000 gallons of water, 445 gallons of foam concentrate, and 450 pounds of a potassium-based dry chemical. It will also include the following:

- Booster reel for dry chemical discharge
- Two 1.5” preconnected hand lines (one on each side of the apparatus)
- Under truck nozzles
- Roof turret capable of both high and low flow (water/foam only)
- Bumper turret capable of high and low flow water/foam & dry chemical
- Structural style pump panel
- Roof mounted thermal imaging camera
- 3 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) seats
- On board hydraulic generator and cord reel with 200’ of cord and junction box
- 2000 GPM water pump

**Project Justification:** All operators of Part 139 airports must provide ARFF services during air carrier operations. The acquisition of a new ARFF vehicle will allow ILM to be in compliance with Index C. Currently ILM is in compliance with Index B. As ILM moves to Index C, ILM must acquire the new ARFF vehicle to maintain compliance with Part 139 certification requirements.



## Other Projects

### 09-003 PFC Consulting Services

- This Project consists of professional fees for services rendered from consultants retained by ILM to prepare this PFC application (23-09-C-00-ILM).

### 09-004 PFC Application Administration

- This Project is to reimburse ILM for its reasonable and necessary costs of administering the PFC program.

**Project Justification:** These projects are PFC eligible in accordance with Section 158.3 – which permits an airport to recover the reasonable and necessary costs of administering its PFC program.



# PFC Project Funding Plan

Project #	Project	Project Costs	Federal				State	Requested Approval PFC #9	Total Funding Sources
			BILs		AIP				
			AIG	ATP	Discret	Entitle			
09-001	Terminal Curbside & Airport Boulevard Improvements	\$58,772,454	\$18,884,525	\$15,000,000	\$1,999,000	\$6,586,609	\$7,423,913	\$8,878,407	\$58,772,454
09-002	Acquisition of ARFF Vehicle	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
09-003	PFC Application Consulting	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
09-004	PFC Application Administration	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
		<b>\$60,072,454</b>	<b>\$18,884,525</b>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,999,000</b>	<b>\$6,586,609</b>	<b>\$7,423,913</b>	<b>\$10,178,407</b>	<b>\$60,072,454</b>





# PFC Application Summary

- **PFC Level:** \$4.50 per eligible enplaned passenger is being requested for all projects under the new application
- **PFC Revenue to be Collected:** \$10,178,407
- **Charge Effective Date:** The proposed PFC application will become effective upon the expiration of PFC 19-08-C-02-ILM which is estimated to be May 2027
- **Estimated Charge Expiration Date:** The expiration date for the proposed PFC application is estimated to be February 2031



# Class of Carrier Not Required to Collect the PFC

- The County intends to see approval to exclude the classes of carriers titled (1) On-Demand Air Taxi Commercial Operators (ATCOs) filing FAA Form 1800-31, (2) Commuters or Small Certificated Air Carriers filing T-100, and (3) Foreign Air Carriers filing T-100
- In CY 2022, these classes of carriers was 237 which is significantly less than one percent of total annual enplanements at ILM
- Burden of collecting fees would be greater than revenue that would be collected
- Carriers belong to these classes and operating at ILM in CY 2022 were:
  - CFC Inc. d/b/a Contour Airlines
  - Chartright Air, Inc.
  - Cobalt Air LLC
  - Northeastern Aviation Corp
  - Pegasus Elite Aviation LLC
  - Seneca Flight Operations
  - Tailwind Air, LLC
  - Tradewind Aviation LLC