

PUBLIC NOTICE

The New Orleans Aviation Board (NOAB) intends to file an amendment to one approved Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) application (PFC #11) with the Federal Aviation Administration (the FAA) in order to increase the PFC collection rate at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY or the Airport) to \$4.50. To accomplish the amendment, the NOAB is soliciting public comment on eight (8) previously approved PFC projects for which it intends to request a \$4.50 collection rate, as required by the regulation governing PFCs, 14 CFR §158.24. No other changes are being requested for any of these eight projects or the remaining projects in PFC #11.

If the amendment is granted, the total approved collection authority for PFC Application #11 will remain the same, at \$400,733,236. The proposed effective date is February 1, 2026 and the estimated charge expiration date for PFC Application #11 is projected to be August 1, 2034. The NOAB is seeking public comments on the amendment application and on the proposed \$4.50 collection rate for the following PFC projects:

- Project 81 – Airfield Pavement Condition Study (Reimbursement)
- Project 82 – Long Term Planning Study (Reimbursement)
- Project 84 – Land-Use and Development Study
- Project 85 – Long Term Development Feasibility Study (Reimbursement) 5.8 – Airfield Lighting Rehabilitation
- Project 90 – Drainage Pumping Station Design & Construction
- Project 91 – Long Term Development Program - Terminal Design & Construction
- Project 92 – Long Term Development Program - Airside Design & Construction
- Project 93 – Long Term Development Program - Landside Terminal Support Design & Construction

At the time the FAA approved PFC #11, MSY's projects at the \$4.50 rate were subject to the "significant contribution" standard, and only three of the 11 projects approved or partially approved met this standard. Therefore, the FAA approved a collection rate of \$3.00 for the application as a whole. The Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 2018, Pub. L. 115-124 eliminated this standard. Therefore, the PFC #11 projects originally approved at \$3.00 may now qualify for the \$4.50 collection rate. The purpose of this amendment is to increase the collection rate of the original eight \$3.00 projects to \$4.50 and thereby increase the collection rate for PFC #11 as a whole to \$4.50.

PFC Program Update (PUP) 72-19 (May 9, 2019) provides guidance on amending applications originally approved at \$3.00 because the significant contribution standard was not satisfied. It specifies that for these amendments the public notice to amend PFC projects is "limited to the scope of the amendment requested by the public agency," Based on this guidance, no further information is provided on the eight projects.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

NOAB welcomes the public's comments and support for these projects and will review all comments submitted in writing by no later than September 30, 2019. Please address any questions or comments to:

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