



**Public Notice of
Passenger Facility Charge Application
Mercedita Airport
Ponce, PR**

The Puerto Rico Ports Authority intends to file a notice of intent with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to impose Passenger Facility Charges (PFC) and use PFC revenue for future projects at the Mercedita Airport (Airport).

As required by Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 158.24, the Airport must provide written notice to the public and an opportunity for public comment before filing its notice of intent with the FAA. The notice required by §158.24(a) must include:

- (i) A description of the project(s) the public agency is considering for funding by PFC's;
- (ii) A brief justification for each project the public agency is considering for funding by PFC's;
- (iii) The PFC level for each project;
- (iv) The estimated total PFC revenue the public agency will use for each project;
- (v) The proposed charge effective date for the application or notice of intent;
- (vi) The estimated charge expiration date for the application or notice of intent;
- (vii) The estimated total PFC revenue the public agency will collect for the application or notice of intent; and
- (viii) The name of and contact information for the person within the public agency to whom comments should be sent.

The period of public comment will expire at 11:59 pm on Sunday, May 24, 2020.

Please send comments to:

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The summary, descriptions, and justifications for the projects to be funded are as follows:

PRPA is seeking approval to impose and use PFC revenues on a pay-as-you-go basis for seven projects. PRPA is seeking to reimburse the local matching share of previously awarded Federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants for these projects. A summary of projects, their status, and their proposed PFC funding amount is shown below.

Project Title	Project Status	PFC Level	Proposed PFC Amount
Update Airport Master Plan Study	Completed*	\$4.50	\$71,276
Wildlife Hazard Assessment	Completed*	\$4.50	6,231
Rehabilitate Apron	Completed*	\$4.50	4,968
Security Enhancements	Completed*	\$4.50	169,271
Acquire Land for Approaches	Completed*	\$4.50	384,300
Acquire Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Vehicle	Completed*	\$4.50	60,884
Acquire Equipment	Completed*	\$4.50	22,559
Reconstruct Taxiway	Completed*	\$4.50	217,208
Reconstruct Taxiway	Completed*	\$4.50	604,076
PFC Application Preparation	In process	\$4.50	17,000
PFC Program Administration	In process	\$4.50	30,000

\$1,586,773

*AIP Grant matching share

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

Update Airport Master Plan Study – Project 02-1 (Planning Project – no diagram)

PRPA is seeking reimbursement for local match for costs related to an AIP grant used to update the PSE airport Master Plan. The project involved the preparation of a plan for future projects at PSE, including alternatives. The Master Plan Update was prepared by PRPA’s consultants and reviewed by both PRPA and the FAA.

This project is complete, and PRPA is seeking to reimburse the local matching share of a previously awarded AIP grant.

Wildlife Hazard Assessment - Project 02-2 (Airport-wide study - no diagram)

This project consisted of a wildlife hazard assessment study and report conducted for PSE. The study and report were required by 14 CFR Part 139 and are necessary for the PRPA to minimize and mitigate wildlife hazards in and around the airport.

This project is complete, and PRPA is seeking to reimburse the local matching share of a previously awarded AIP grant.

Rehabilitate Apron - Project 02-3 (See diagram in Attachment A)

This project consisted of the design of the rehabilitation of the general aviation apron at PSE. This portion of the apron had deteriorated substantially and had reached the end of its useful life. As a result, this apron had become a foreign object and debris hazard to aircraft operations.

This project is complete, and PRPA is seeking to reimburse the local matching share of a previously awarded AIP grant.

Security Enhancements - Project 02-4 (Improvements covered as security-sensitive information)

This project consisted of the design and implementation of security improvements at PSE. The project included improvements to the access control system enabling PSE to meet the requirements of 14 CFR Part 1542.

This project is complete, and PRPA is seeking to reimburse the local matching share of a previously awarded AIP grant.

Acquire Land for Approaches- Project 02-5 (See diagram in Attachment A)

This project included the acquisition of three parcels of property adjacent to the west end of the airport. The property is located within the approach to Runway 12 at PSE and enabled the PRPA to remove obstructions in this approach. Costs include the purchase price title cost, as well as administrative and consulting fees.

This project is complete, and PRPA is seeking to reimburse a portion of the local matching share of a previously awarded AIP grant.

Acquire Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Vehicle- Project 02-6 (Equipment acquisition – no diagram)

This project is for the replacement of an existing Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Vehicle at PSE. The prior vehicle had reached the end of its useful life. The replacement vehicle enables the PRPA to respond to airfield emergencies and to meet the requirements of 14 CFR Part 139.

This project is complete, and PRPA is seeking to reimburse the local matching share of a previously awarded AIP grant.

Acquire Equipment- Project 02-7 (Equipment acquisition – no diagram)

This project is for the replacement of an existing runway sweeper at PSE. The prior vehicle had reached the end of its useful life. The replacement vehicle enables the PRPA to remove debris from airfield pavements and to meet the requirements of 14 CFR Part 139.

This project is complete, and PRPA is seeking to reimburse the local matching share of a previously awarded AIP grant.

Reconstruct Taxiway- Project 02-8 (2017) (See diagram in Attachment A)

This project consisted of the reconstruction of a portion of the west end of taxiway A at PSE. This first phase consists of 4,200 square feet of pavement. The pavement in these areas had deteriorated and was beginning to impact the safe movement of aircraft.

This project is complete, and PRPA is seeking to reimburse the local matching share of a previously awarded AIP grant.

Reconstruct Taxiway- Project 02-9 (2018) (See diagram in Attachment A)

This project consisted of the continuing reconstruction of the west end of taxiway A at PSE. This second phase consists of 4,265 square feet of pavement. The pavement in these areas had deteriorated and was beginning to impact the safe movement of aircraft.

This project is complete, and PRPA is seeking to reimburse the local matching share of a previously awarded AIP grant.

PFC Application Preparation - Project 02-10

The PRPA is seeking the reimbursement of costs related to the preparation of the current PFC application for PSE.

Tasks associated with the current application include:

- Collection and organization of project documentation
- Drafting of PFC meeting notice letter
- Preparation of airline and public consultation documents
- Participation in preliminary meeting and air carrier consultation
- Preparation of draft and final PFC applications
- Coordination with PRPA and FAA staff

PFC Program Administration- Project 02-11

The PRPA is seeking the reimbursement of PFC program costs related to ongoing administration of this PFC application for PSE as required under Subparts C and D of 14 CFR Part 158 (Collection, Handling, and Remittance of PFCs; and Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Audit).

PFC LEVEL, PROPOSED CHARGE EFFECTIVE DATE, ESTIMATED CHARGE EXPIRATION DATE, AND TOTAL PFC REVENUE

PFC Level: PRPA proposes to impose the PFC at the \$4.50 level.

Effective Date: September 1, 2020

Expiration Date: January 31, 2025 (4 years, 5 months – 53 months)

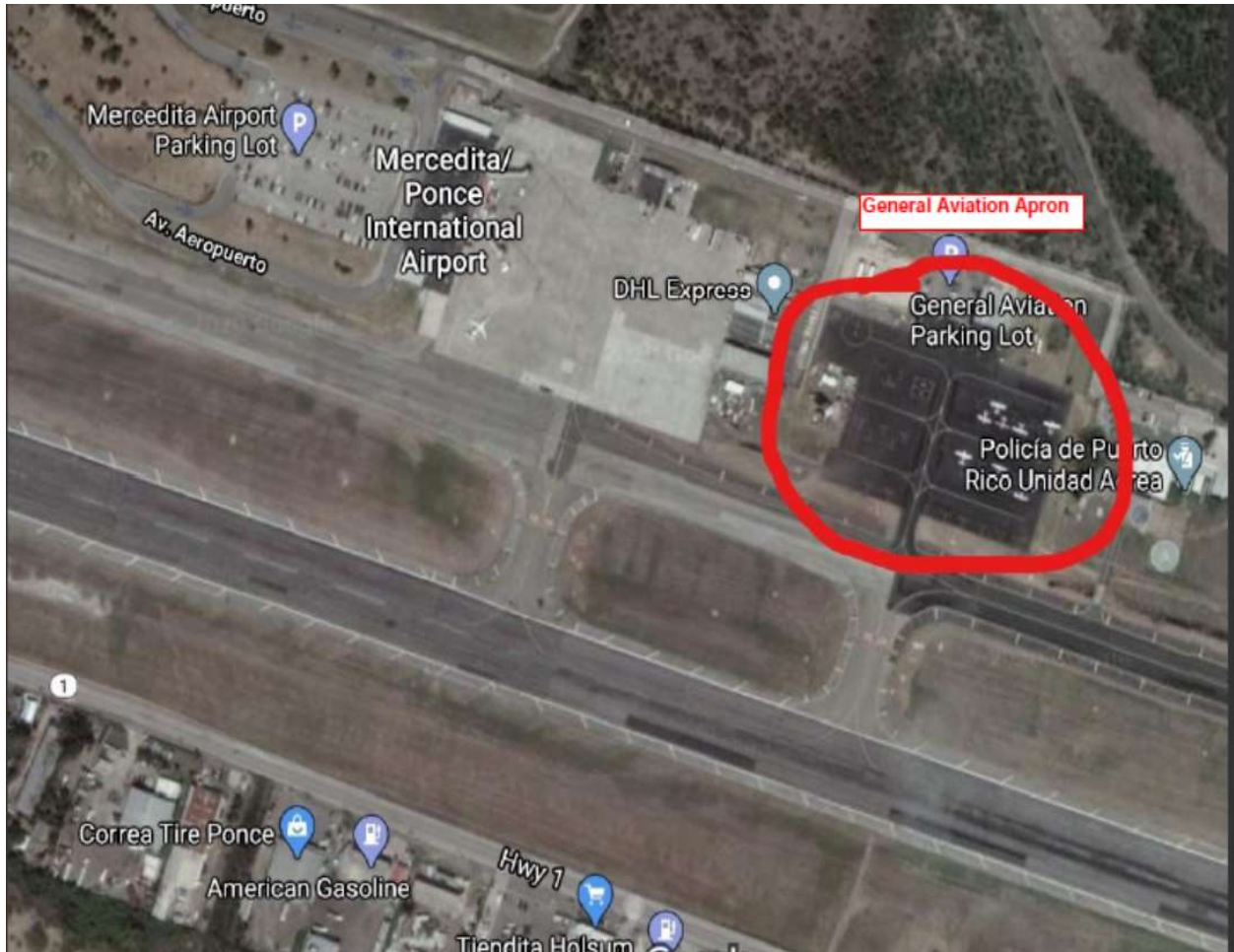
Total PFC Revenue: This notice requests collection and use of \$1,586,773 in PFC funds.

CLASS OF CARRIER NOT REQUIRED TO COLLECT THE PFC

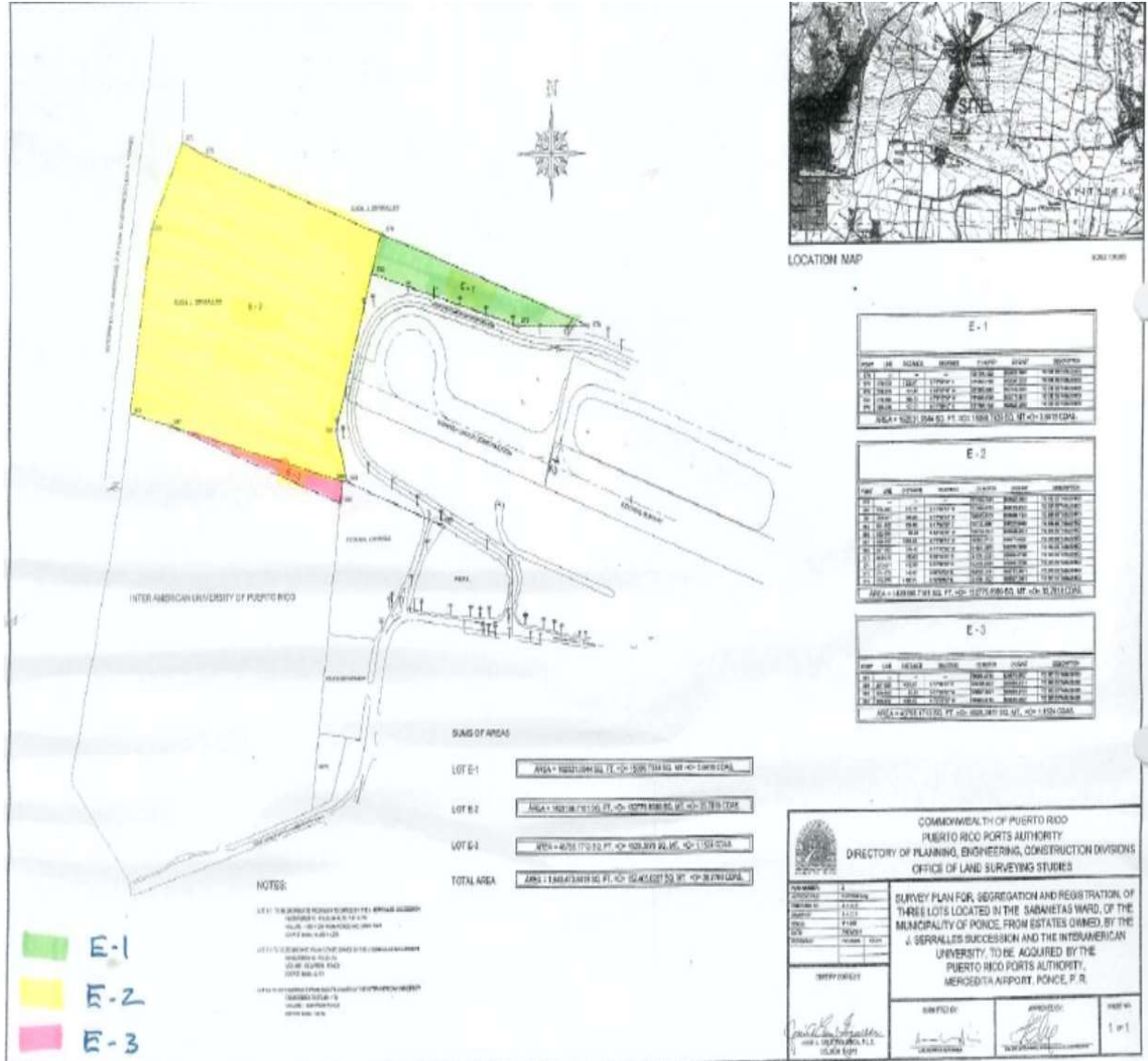
PRPA does not intend to exclude any class of air carrier from the requirements to collect PFCs at PSE. No class of air carrier met the requirements of 14 CFR Part 158.11 for calendar year 2018.

**ATTACHMENT A
PROJECT DIAGRAMS**

Rehabilitate Apron – Project 02-3



Acquire Land for Approaches - Project 02-5



Reconstruct Taxiway (2017) – Project 02-8 and (2018) – Project 02-9

