

PUBLIC NOTICE

Elmira Corning Regional Airport

Intention to File

Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Notice of Intent 17-07-C-00-ELM

Chemung County (County), as owner and operator of Elmira Corning Regional Airport (ELM), is posting this public notice as part of the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Notice of Intent (NOI) process under 14 CFR §158.24. The County intends to file PFC Notice of Intent #7 with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) which includes four (4) “Impose and Use” projects which are completed or will commence within the next several months. The County is requesting to utilize PFCs to reimburse for local funding used on each project, totaling \$2,935,680. The four (4) projects anticipated for inclusion in this Notice of Intent are identified and described below:

- **Pavement Management Study**

- **PFC Revenue:** \$4,000 (5.0% of the Total Project Cost)
- **Description & Justification:** The FAA requires all Commercial Service Airports to have a current Pavement Management Plan (PMP) in place. While Chemung County has completed several pavement condition surveys in the past, a comprehensive PMP is needed to allow for the capability to plan systematically for and execute pavement repair, rehabilitation and reconstruction. The PMP will also aid the County in project planning and securing grants and funding as part of an overall maintenance and rehabilitation plan for their airfield pavement.

The PMP will include an airfield-wide pavement condition survey (Functional Analysis) including visual inspection of all airport pavements. These results will be used to identify short and long-term maintenance and rehabilitation requirements, and will serve as the basis for a 10-year rehabilitation program consisting of capital and operating projects

- **Rehabilitate Taxiway T – Design & Construction**

- **PFC Revenue:** \$64,059 (5.0% of the Total Project Cost)
Description & Justification: This project rehabilitated approximately 3200’ x 75’ of the former Taxiway A (to be re-designated as Taxiway T after the completion of construction of a new parallel taxiway) that connects the Echo, Commercial, and Alpha aprons. Taxiway T provides access from these aprons to parallel Taxiway A, currently under construction, and the airfield. The project rehabilitated the taxiway pavement. The design included acquisition of survey, implementation of a geotechnical investigation, traffic analysis, pavement design, and development of a phasing and safety plan. Development of the phasing and safety plan required careful coordination with the air carriers, tenants, FBO, air traffic control tower staff, and airport operations staff.

- **Rehabilitate Terminal Building – Design & Construction**

- **PFC Revenue:** \$2,827,621 (4.8% of the Total Project Cost)
- **Description & Justification:** The present-day passenger terminal dates back nearly 60 years to 1950 and measures approximately 54,000 square feet in size. The terminal is showing its age and the aesthetics are dated. An assessment completed during the recent Master Plan Update identified a deficit of space in several areas within the terminal, including within the outbound baggage screening area, the baggage claim, and within the concourse and passenger holdrooms. In addition, modern passenger amenities are lacking.

Because of the changes in security requirements and passenger behavior since construction of the terminal, the terminal area rehabilitation will provide a significant renovation of many of the existing facilities, as well as the construction of an expansion that will ultimately lead to a terminal encompassing approximately 65,000 square feet, an increase of approximately 11,000 square feet. The proposed project improvements will be focused on the public use spaces from the front door to boarding/de-boarding the aircraft. Key improvements within the revitalized terminal include an additional approximately 9,000 square feet within the concourse and passenger holdrooms, an approximately 4,000-foot expansion of the baggage claim area, and the construction of a new 5,000 square foot passenger security checkpoint and connector. The size of the check-in/ticketing lobby will remain unchanged as part of the rehabilitation, however, the space within this area will be redesigned and will more efficiently utilize the space, including dedicated areas for ticket kiosks, more compact queuing areas, and the dedication of space for a small retail establishment or café within the lobby. The improvements will also include modifications to the exterior of the terminal including an extended canopy for the pickup/drop-off of passengers and a curbside window wall. The improvements to the concourse and passenger holdroom will not only provide additional space to accommodate passengers, but improvements will also be made to improve accessibility to and from the aircraft, including the installation of jet bridges able to accommodate mainline aircraft (such as the Airbus A320) as well as regional aircraft (such as the Canadair 200 and the Embraer 175). Approximately 69% of the total project capital costs will be funded through sources other than PFCs and the FAA's Airport Improvement Program.

- **Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Notice of Intent & PFC Program Administration**

- **PFC Revenue:** \$40,000 (100% of the Total Project Cost)
- **Description & Justification:** The proposed project includes necessary costs associated with the preparation and administration of the proposed PFC Notice of Intent for Elmira Corning Regional Airport. As noted in FAA Order 5500.1 and 14 CFR 158, the reasonable and necessary costs of administering a PFC program are eligible and public agencies may choose to accomplish these tasks through a consultant, internal personnel, or a combination of the two. This proposed project will include compilation of the PFC application materials, confirmation of enplanement forecasts, required coordination, documentation of necessary amendments, and assistance with collections reporting, as well as additional tasks associated with the

administration of the PFC program. PFC program administration associated with this project will occur for a period beginning January 2017 through June 2018.

The proposed PFC level of collection is **\$4.50** per eligible enplaned passenger for all projects. The estimated charge effective date for the amendment to PFC Application #7 is **October 1, 2020**, and the estimated charge expiration date is **January 1, 2027**.

As required under 14 CFR §158.24, Chemung County will be accepting public comments on the proposed projects until **5:00pm** on **Monday, June 26, 2017**. Questions and comments regarding the proposed PFC Notice of Intent, including agreement or disagreement with any of the proposed projects, or requests for additional information, should be addressed to:

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