



# Passenger Facility Charge Public Notice January 22, 2026



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## Public Comment

Pursuant to Section 158.24(b) of the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) regulations, MidAmerica St. Louis Airport hereby provides notice of opportunity for the public to comment on a proposed PFC Amendment. Details of the proposed amendment are presented herein.

Any comments to this public notice should be sent by February 22, 2026 to Darren James, Airport Director, at [Darren.james@flymidamerica.com](mailto:Darren.james@flymidamerica.com)

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## History of PFC Program at BLV

- Airport began collecting a PFC at the \$3.00 level on August 31, 2005
- Airport currently has total PFC approvals of \$7,000,000 pursuant to PFC #05-01

Approved PFC Application #	Total Use Collection Authority	Status	Expiration	PFCs Disbursed	Remaining Authority
05-01-C-00-BLV	\$7,000,000	Open	3/1/47	3,911,049	3,088,951
<b>Total approved for collection</b>	<b>\$7,000,000</b>			<b>\$3,911,049</b>	<b>\$3,088,951</b>
Collections through 9/30/25	\$4,550,375				
Interest	\$158,672				
Total revenue	\$4,709,047				
Uncollected balance	\$2,290,953				

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## Summary of Requested Amendment

- The proposed Amendment does not change the PFC Approved Amount for any of the projects set forth on the next slide
- The total approved amount will remain at \$7,000,000
- The County is seeking the increase in the PFC level from \$3.00 to \$4.50 to speed up the collection of the remaining amount under PFC 05-01-C-00 BLV so that the County can fund other projects with PFCs at the Airport
- The Airport has already submitted a notice of intent to the FAA to collect PFCs at the \$4.50 PFC level for the Terminal Modification Phase 4 (FIS) project for \$9,106,163

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## Summary of PFC Projects in Amendment

**PFC Level for each project in the Amendment is \$4.50 but the total PFC approved amount does not change  
§158.23(a)(2) &  
§158.24(c)(1)(iii)**

Project	Item #	Proposed PFC Level	PFC Approved Amount
05-01-C-00-BLV			
Acquire ARFF and SRE equipment	01-001	\$4.50	\$168,140
Acquire land for airport development	01-002	\$4.50	617,644
Construct ARFF building	01-003	\$4.50	72,471
Construct access/service roads	01-004	\$4.50	98,390
Construct ATCT	01-005	\$4.50	491,487
Construct aprons	01-006	\$4.50	346,238
Construct runway	01-007	\$4.50	1,278,658
Construct taxiway	01-008	\$4.50	1,273,576
Construct terminal building	01-009	\$4.50	256,625
Environmental mitigation	01-010	\$4.50	1,443,770
Extend runway	01-011	\$4.50	701,355
Maintenance SRE facility	01-012	\$4.50	52,095
Security fencing	01-013	\$4.50	54,404
Utility systems	01-014	\$4.50	145,147
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$7,000,000</b>

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## Overall Project Description

- Construct a new commercial service airport for the St. Louis metropolitan area
- Project was constructed adjacent to and east of the existing Scott Air Force Base
- Project commenced in 1991 and completion of the runway and commencement of commercial passenger and air cargo service occurred in 1997
- Description of the projects is included to comply with PFC regulations but all projects are complete and in-service

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## Overall Project Justification (§158.24(b)(1)(ii))

- Although the projects listed on the previous slides have already been completed, the PFC regulations require project descriptions for each of the projects being amended
- The PFC objective and justification for each of these projects is to enhance air transportation capacity at the national and regional level by furnishing opportunity for enhanced competition among air carriers at the Airport
- No change to the PFC approved amounts for any of the projects in PFC 05-01-C-00-BLV are being requested. The only change is to the proposed PFC level for each project from \$3.00 to \$4.50

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## Project 01-001 Acquire ARFF and SRE Equipment

This project was for the acquisition of aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF) equipment as well as snow removal equipment (SRE). The 10 SRE included an Oshkosh 4x4 truck with a 17-foot power-reversible plow and 8 cubic yard dry material spreader, an Oshkosh 4x4 truck with a 17-foot power-reversible plow, a Case front-end loader with 15-foot ramp plow, Sweepster 18-foot Power Broom/Air Blast on Oshkosh 4x4 carrier vehicle, Sweepster 18-foot Power Broom/Air Blast on Oshkosh 4x4 carrier vehicle and interchangeable Oshkosh rotary plow, 2,000 gallon liquid de-ice truck, 2 4x4 pick-ups with street plows and 2 cubic yard dry material spreaders and 2 4x4 pick-ups with street plows. The 2 ARFF vehicles are an Oshkosh T-1500 with 1,500 water gallon capacity and an Oshkosh T-3000 with 3,000 water gallon capacity. Both vehicles have a roof agent/bumper turret.

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## Project 01-002 Acquire Land for Airport Development

This project included the acquisition of approximately 3,900 acres of land by the County for airport facilities, wetlands and floodplain mitigation, relocations and land use control in safety and noise impact zones.

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## Project 01-003 Construct ARFF Building

This project constructed an ARFF facility located northwest of the North Bay Produce Building and is approximately 9,163 square feet and provides storage space for the Airport's primary ARFF vehicles.

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## Project 01-004 Construct Access/Service Roads

This project constructed airside access/service roads.

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## Project 01-005 Construct ATCT

This project constructed the Air Traffic Control Tower located just south of Taxiway Golf and equidistant between the two parallel runways. The ATCT is approximately 217 feet above ground level.

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## Project 01-006 Construct Aprons

This project constructed two aprons to service various types of aircraft operations – Cargo and Terminal. The Cargo apron is used for air cargo and has a total area of 450,515 square feet with 4 parking spots. The Terminal apron is used for air carriers and has a total area of 355,000 square feet with 4 parking spots. Both aprons were constructed of concrete.

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## Project 01-007 Construct Runway

This project constructed the primary commercial runway at the Airport. Runway 14L-32R is a 10,000 foot runway constructed of Portland cement concrete. The runway is 150 feet wide and has high intensity runway lights and precision approach instrumentation and runway markings.

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## Project 01-008 Construct Taxiway

This project constructed Taxiway Golf to connect Runway 14L to Runway 14R and is designed to handle 1.2 million pound aircraft weight and cross Silver Creek. The taxiway is 75 feet wide with paved shoulders. It could be this or could be from contract 12 titled Runway 14L-32R and Taxiway Construction

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## Project 01-009 Construct Terminal Building

This project constructed the 53,000 square feet terminal building which consists of three floors: main level (27,750 sq. ft.), second or upper level (17,710 sq. ft.) and basement (6,220 sq.ft.). The main level of the terminal building is comprised of the lobby/queuing, ticketing, baggage screening, baggage claim, airport administration offices, restrooms and other public space. The baggage claim area includes two baggage conveyers and public seating. This level also includes access to ground-level boarding Gates 2 and 3. Access to the upper level is provided through two escalators and two stairs in the center of the lobby. As well as an elevator located at the southern end of the airline ticketing desks. The security checkpoint is in the mezzanine of the upper level between the main terminal building (non-secure side) and the concourse (secure/sterile area). The upper level concourse includes Gates 1 and 4 and both gates have jetway access to aircraft and hold rooms. Stairs and elevator access to the ground level boarding gates 2 and 3 are located on this level as well. There are also concessions and restrooms on this level. The basement level includes areas for storage and circulation.

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## Project 01-010 Environmental Mitigation

This project created wetlands and floodplain areas to replace and mitigate those impacted by the construction of the Airport. Portion of Illinois Route 4, Silver Creek and two tributaries were diverted around the Airport site to make room for the project. Three bridges and one tunnel structure was built to permit construction of Taxiway Golf across the Silver Creek floodplain.

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## Project 01-011 Extend Runway

This project extended the parallel Runway 14R-32L. This runway is 8,010 feet. The extension extended the runway from 7,061 square feet to 8,010 square feet and installed lighting systems and navigational aids. The extension was constructed from Portland cement concrete. The extension was necessary to allow for commercial operations on Runway 14R-32L.

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## Project 01-012 Maintenance SRE Facility

This project constructed an 11,729 square feet maintenance facility located south of the Golf Apron and is used for maintenance and snow removal equipment.

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## Project 01-013 Security Fencing

This project installed airport security fencing and the associated gates.

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## Project 01-014 Utility Systems

This project installed the airfield lighting systems as well as potable water, sanitary sewer, and fire sprinkler mains which provided utility service to airport facilities.

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## Original Funding Plan for Airport Project

Sources	Amount	Percent
FAA	\$ 154,000,000	50.1%
DOD	60,000,000	19.5%
State	59,500,000	19.3%
County	30,000,000	9.8%
Private	4,000,000	1.3%
	\$ 307,500,000	100.0%

The \$7,000,000 of PFC revenues reduced the County's contribution to the project for airport construction costs, including land acquisition, design and program management.

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## PFC Amendment Summary

- **PFC Level:** Increase the PFC collected at BLV from \$3.00 to \$4.50 per eligible enplaned passenger for all 14 projects in PFC 05-01-C-00-BLV
- **PFC Revenue to be Collected:** \$7,000,000 (note that this is the previously approved amount for the 14 projects)
- **Charge Effective Date:** The County would begin collections of PFCs at the \$4.50 level once the PFC Amendment process is completed which is estimated to be May 1, 2026
- **Estimated Charge Expiration Date:** The new expiration date for the amended PFC #05-01 is estimated to be July 1, 2028. The legal charge expiration date for PFC #05-01 is March 1, 2047 and the projected expiration date in SOAR is November 1, 2029. The Airport is projecting a new expiration date for PFC #05-01 of July 1, 2028 due to: (1) faster PFC collections by the Airport due to increased enplanements; and (2) the assumed increase in the PFC level from \$3.00 to \$4.50. The FAA will confirm the revised expiration date for PFC #05-01 during the amendment process.

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## Class of Carriers Not Required to Collect PFC

- County intends to seek approval to exclude Commuters of Small Certificated Carriers filing T-100
  - Only one carrier, CFM Inc. d/b/a Contour Airlines was in this class in FY 2023 and the total enplaned passengers was 15
  - No carrier was in this class in preliminary FY 2024 enplanements
- Represents less than one percent of the total annual enplanements at the Airport
- Burden of collecting fees would be greater than the revenue collected

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**Thank You.**



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