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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPOSE AND USE A PASSENGER  
FACILITY CHARGE AT ROANOKE-BLACKSBURG REGIONAL AIRPORT (ROA)**

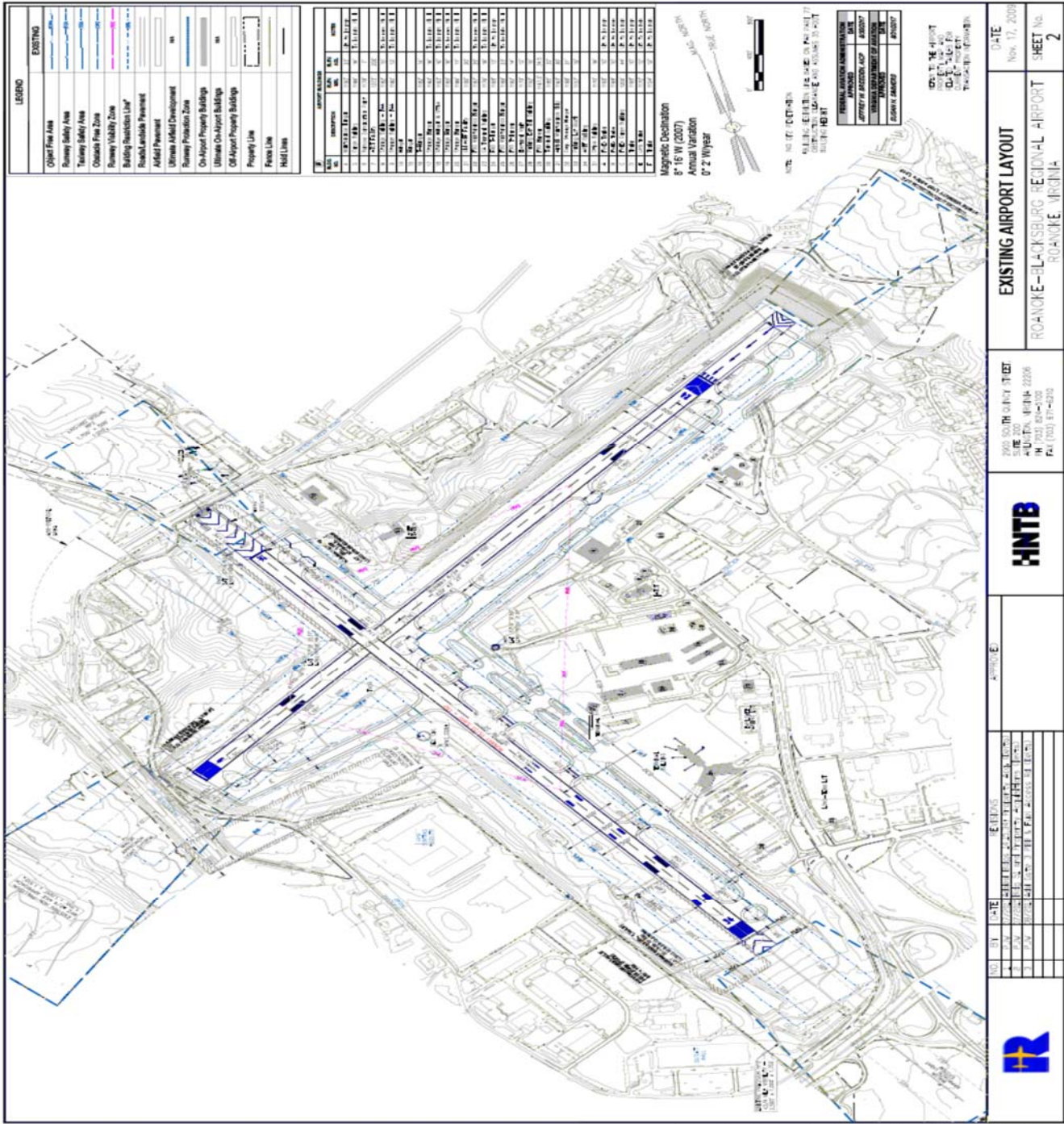
RE: Proposed PFC "Impose and Use" Application #6 for ROA

Pursuant to Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) 49 CFR Section 158.24, the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission, (Commission or RRAC) owner and operator of the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport (ROA or Airport), hereby provides public notice of the Commission's intent to file an application to impose and use PFCs at the Airport (PFC Application #5) to fund certain PFC eligible airport improvements.

PFC revenues are collected on ticket sales by air carriers in the amount of \$4.50. The collections are held in trust and submitted to the airport monthly to fund projects deemed as eligible through an application process established by Part 158 of FAR 49.

The Commission intends to fund four (4) Eligible Projects with PFC revenues. The following sets forth the PROJECTs, including a description of the project and project justification, the applicable financial information and PFC collection level, followed by a list of air carriers excluded from PFC collection, PFC Consultation Meeting, and a contact for public comment.

# Airport Layout Plan:



## PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE APPLICATION #6

### “Impose and Use” Project Descriptions

1. **Project 6.01: Airport Master Plan:** The previous Airport Master Plan Update was completed in 2008. Since that time, airlines have merged and significant regional economic growth has occurred such as the expansion of Virginia Tech-Carilion School of Medicine; the location of Eldor Corporation, an Italian automotive ignition systems manufacturer, in nearby Botetourt County; and the attraction of nationally recognized west coast breweries including Ballast Point and Deschutes who have chosen the Roanoke Valley for their east coast locations. This growth has triggered a demand for non-stop destinations to the west and along the north-south corridor. An Airport Master Plan, meeting all requirements of the FAA AC 150/5070-6B and FAA AC 150/5100-14E or latest editions is required to prepare the Airport for the anticipated increasing demand for commercial and general aviation services while examining the surrounding land uses, zoning, and comprehensive plan in order to support a potential commerce/transportation center surrounding and within the airport boundaries. It is anticipated that the Airport Master Plan will focus in particular on forecasting demand for the next 20 years, analyzing existing and future airfield upgrades needed, identifying critical aircraft, confirming terminal capacity and general aviation facility needs, examining land uses on and off airport to promote economic development and compatible land uses, confirming roadway capacity on and around the airport, developing finance plans to fund anticipated capital projects, and updating the Airport Layout Plan

<b>Project Cost:</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>
<b>Fed Share:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Entitlement/State/DOAV Funds:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Local Funds:</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>
<b>Total PFC Request:</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>

2. **PROJECT 6.02: Replace Snow Plow Truck #18:** Purchased in 1995, this equipment is beyond its 20 year useful life, replacement parts for repairs are difficult to obtain, and the replacement is in the approved Snow Removal Replacement Plan. The replacement truck will be an in-kind replacement with a 4x4 chassis with dump box and a 22' high speed runway plow; and will pull a new 22' tow behind broom with air-blast.

<b>Project Cost:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>Fed Share:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Entitlement/State/DOAV Funds:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Local Funds:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>Total PFC Request:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>



**3. PROJECT 6.03 Walkway Canopy:** This project seeks reimbursement of the local funds for Airport Improvement Program Grant 03-51-0045-058-2017. The Airport needed a walkway canopy system to enhance safety for the circulation of passengers and baggage to the terminal building from the parking area. Prior to the construction of the walkway canopy system, the existing sidewalk system did not have sufficient ADA access points and there were areas where the surface pavement was uneven and considered a hazard. This main circulation path was also uncovered forcing passengers to traverse from the terminal to their cars with baggage in inclement weather, such as rain, the wind (prominent in this area) and snow. The goal of the new walkway canopy system was to eliminate most, if not all of the existing issues.

The project included a total length of new canopy and sidewalk system extending approximately 460 feet. The structure has a combination of standing seam metal roof and a monolithic polycarbonate roof system. The structure is open air but includes a transparent/translucent wall panel system with openings to the parking area every 45 feet. Project completed.

<b>Project Cost:</b>	<b>\$2,444,448</b>
<b>Fed Share:</b>	<b>\$2,200,003</b>
<b>Entitlement/State/DOAV Funds:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Local Funds:</b>	<b>\$ 244,445</b>
<b>Total PFC Request:</b>	<b>\$ 244,445</b>



**4. PROJECT 6.04 Environmental Assessment for Future Land Acquisitions:** ThisThe Roanoke Regional Airport Commission is reviewing possible land purchases of nearby parcels within the Airport vicinity. Some of these parcels have been previously identified for acquisition as part of the 2008 Airport Master Plan Update. Other properties have not been included on the ALP for acquisition but include properties that are adjacent to previously identified parcels to be acquired. These parcels include rental car quick turnaround facilities that serve Roanoke passengers. The Commission would like to take advantage of willing sellers to acquire properties should an opportunity occur. This will allow opportunities for the Commission to grow revenues to support efforts for financial self-sufficiency.

To take advantage of opportunities to acquire properties, pen and ink updates will be needed to the ALP to include the properties that are not currently noted for acquisition. To do this, a NEPA process will be required. Also, to qualify for grant funds or PFCs for those properties that are already on the ALP for future acquisition, a NEPA process is also required.

<b>Project Cost:</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
<b>Fed Share:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Entitlement/State/DOAV Funds:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Local Funds:</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
<b>Total PFC Request:</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>



The Roanoke Regional Airport Commission plans to continue to collect PFCs at the maximum currently allowable level of \$4.50 per enplaned passenger. The charge effective date for this application is estimated to be June 1, 2019. The PFC expiration date for this application is estimated to be June 1, 2021 and the total amount estimated to be collected for PFC #6 is \$3,044,445.

The Roanoke Regional Airport Commission is requesting the following air carriers under the Non-Scheduled/On Demand Air Carriers filing FAA Form 1800-31 classification be excluded from this requirement to collect PFCs under this application based upon information in the 2017 Air Carrier Activity Information System. The estimated number of passengers enplaned annually by this classification is less than 3,000 which represents less than 1% of the total enplanements at ROA. The Roanoke Regional Airport Commission's reason for requesting the carriers under this classification be exempt from collecting the PFCs is due to the burden it would put on the carriers that enplane too few passengers at ROA both in the cost and complexity of record keeping. The class and carriers are:

Non-scheduled/On Demand Air Carriers filing FAA form 1800-31:

	<u>Enplanements</u>
Meridian Air Group, Inc. (K1RA)	5
Ultimate Jetcharters LLC (DTHA)	<u>237</u>
Total Enplanements	<u>241</u>

This official notice outlines the proposed PFC Application #6 for ROA as specified in the PFC regulation. The legislation requires public notification of potential PFC funded projects, with public comment for 30 days after the date of posting or publication.

**Please submit any questions or comments to:**

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