

March 11, 2019

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF
OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT RELATED TO
PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGES (PFC)**

This notice serves as the public notice that the Durango-La Plata County Airport (DRO), Durango, Colorado intends to submit to the FAA amendment No. 1 to Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) application 18-09-C-00-DRO. This action is necessary to amend the project cost of certain projects contained in PFC application 18-09-C-00-DRO. The Durango-La Plata County Airport is providing an opportunity for public comment until April 8, 2019. This written notice is provided in accordance with requirements contained in Federal Aviation Regulation 49 CFR 158.24 Passenger Facility Charge.

As a result of this amendment, the total PFC collections in 18-09-C-00-DRO are proposed to increase from \$2,876,706 to \$3,542,882, with collections estimated to be completed by April 1, 2030. This PFC revenue, along with Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) Airport Improvement Program grants, Colorado Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics grants, and airport funds are being used to fund 16 projects approved by the FAA on August 28, 2018. All of the projects are being funded on a pay-as-you-go basis.

The following projects, previously approved as part of PFC Application 18-09-C-00-DRO, will be included as part of the request for amendment:

PFC Application 18-09-C-00-DRO Amendment 1 Request				
Project Title	Approved PFC Amount	Amended PFC Amount	Change in PFC Amount	Amendment Justification
Project 007 – Terminal Improvements – Baggage Make-up Area	\$492,000	\$1,158,176	\$666,176 (135%)	The requested amendment is due to an increase in project cost. Originally intended as an interim improvement project given questions surrounding the airport terminal’s long-term development, the project scope has evolved into a permanent improvement. The project scope has been refined and expanded through intense collaborative design efforts with the airlines and TSA, and a larger budget will be necessary to appropriately address the

				many needs of these airport tenants in a permanent fashion. Competitive bidding resulted in an updated total project budget of \$1,590,901.
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The airport will continue to charge the maximum allowable PFC amount of \$4.50 per enplaned passenger for the projects listed above. Each proposed project provides, to varying degrees, for the continued enhancement of safety, security, capacity and competition at the Airport and the national air transportation system as required by 14 CFR Part 158.15.

The Durango-La Plata County Airport is requesting to continue the exemption of all air taxi/commercial operators filing FAA Form 1800-31 from collection of the PFC. The annual estimated number of passengers enplaned by this class is less than 1% of the annual enplanements. DRO desires to exempt this class of carriers because the administrative costs for the carrier and the airport are considered excessive for the small amount of revenue generated.

In accordance with Federal Aviation Regulation 49 CFR Part 158, comments are being accepted until April 10, 2019. Comments or a request for more detailed information may be mailed to Tony Vicari, Director of Aviation, Durango-La Plata County Airport, 1000 Airport Road, Durango, CO 81303, or emailed to tony.vicari@durangogov.org.