

SUBJECT: Proposed text amendment for §1401-01-T1. Transportation Facility.

PURPOSE:

To obtain approval from the City Planning Commission (CPC) on text amendments related to the definitions of transportation facilities.

PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT:

1401-01-T1. Transportation Facility.

“Transportation facility” means a category of uses including:

- (a) ***Airports.*** Facilities for the takeoff and landing of airplanes and helicopters, including runways, aircraft storage buildings, public terminal buildings and parking, helicopter pads and support activities such as airport operations and air traffic control.
- (b) ***Heliports.*** Facilities intended solely for takeoff and landing of helicopters.
- (c) ***Railroad, right-of-way.*** Railroad land used for through tracks. Railroad, train yard uses are prohibited.
- (d) ***Railroad, train yard.*** Railroad areas used for classification yards, switch tracks, team tracks, storage tracks and freight yards.
- (e) ***Transportation passenger terminals operation.*** Facilities for passenger transportation operations, holding facilities, and maintenance operations which includes rail stations, bus terminals, urban and regional transit stations and scenic and sightseeing facilities, but does not include airports and heliports.

JUSTIFICATION:

Amendments have been proposed to regulate taxi and limousine operations as “public vehicle operations and service”. In reviewing the definitions for various transportation related operations, the ZTAC determined that the above definition should be revised. Certain uses would not be addressed under the word “terminal” such as school bus facilities or Metro bus maintenance operations. Changing the wording makes this definition more encompassing and also differentiates it from “public vehicle operations and service.”

PUBLIC STAFF CONFERENCE:

The Planning Division staff held a public conference on this Zoning Text Amendment on Tuesday, August 14, 2007. Those in attendance were not opposed.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Community Development and Planning staff recommends that the City Planning Commission approve the requested text amendment.

APPROVED:

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Amendment Committee