

# Transportation & Land Use Acronyms

A large assortment of acronyms are used by planners. Below are brief definitions for the acronyms most commonly used, and those with which you may be less familiar.

## Deciphering the alphabet soup

**3-C** Continuing, Comprehensive and Cooperative Planning Process

**AA** Alternative Analysis

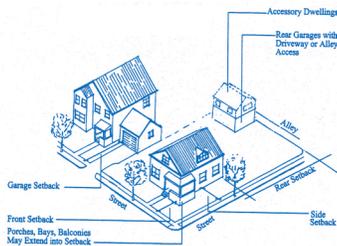
**AASHTO** American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials

**ACT** Area Commission on Transportation

**ADA** Americans with Disabilities Act

**ADT** Average Daily Traffic (or Average Daily trips)

**ADU** Accessory Dwelling Unit



**AFT** American Farmland Trust

**AICP** American Institute of Certified Planners

**AMPO** Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations

**APA** American Planning Association

**APFO** Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance

**APTA** American Public Transportation Association

**APWA** American Public Works Association

**BID** Business Improvement District

**BLM** Bureau of Land Management (US)

**BLOS** Bicycle Level of Service

**BMP** Best Management Program (or Practice)

**BOA** Board of Appeals or Board of Adjustment

**BOC** Board of Commissioners

**BOCA** Building Officials and Code Administrators, International

**BP** Building Permit

**BTS** Bureau of Transportation Statistics

**CAA** Clean Air Act

**CBD** Central Business District

**CBDG** Community Development Block Grant

**CC&R's** Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions

**CCD** Census County Division

**CDC** Community Development Corporation

**CIP** Capital Improvement Program

**CMAQ** Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program

**CMS** Congestion Management System

**CMSA** Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area (see also MSA, SMSA, PMSA)

**CofA's** Conditions of Approval

**COG** Council of Governments

**CUP** Conditional Use Permit

**DEIS** Draft Environment Impact Statement

**DEQ** Department of Environmental Quality - State of Oregon

**DLCD** Department of Land Conservation & Development (Oregon)

**DOE** Department of Energy (US)

**DOT** Department of Transportation

**DU** Dwelling Unit

**EC** Enterprise Community

**EIS** Environmental Impact Statement

**EJ** Environmental Justice

**EPA** Environmental Protection Agency

**ETC** Employee Transportation Coordinator

**EZ** Enterprise Zone

**FAA** Federal Aviation Administration

**FAR** Floor Area Ratio

**FCAA** Federal Clean Air Act

**FCC** Federal Communications Commission

**FEIS** Final Environmental Impact Statement

**FEMA** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**FHA** Federal Housing Administration

**FHWA** Federal Highway Administration

**FIA** Fiscal Impact Analysis

**FIRE** Finance, Insurance and Real Estate-Industry sector

**FMHA** Farmers Home Administration

**FNMA** Federal National Mortgage Administration (or Fannie Mae)

**FTA** Federal Transit Administration

**FY** Fiscal Year

### For more information...

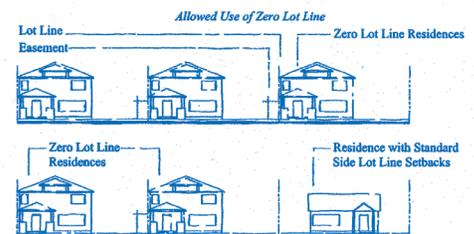
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<b>GFA</b> Gross Floor Area- total square footage of a building, including unleaseable area	<b>MTS</b> Metropolitan Transportation System	<b>TDM</b> Transportation Demand Management
<b>GIS</b> Geographic Information Systems- system	<b>MXD</b> Mixed Use Development	<b>TDR</b> Transfer of Development Rights
<b>GLA</b> Gross Leasable Area - gross floor area minus common areas (elevators, hallways, lobby)	<b>NEPA</b> National Environmental Policy Act of 1969	<b>TEA-21</b> Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century
<b>GM</b> Growth Management	<b>NHS</b> National Highway System	<b>TGM</b> Transportation & Growth Management Program (Oregon)
<b>GPS</b> Global Positioning Systems	<b>OAR</b> Oregon Administrative Rules	<b>TIF</b> Tax Increment Financing or Transportation Impact Fees
<b>HOD</b> Highway Overlay District (also Historic Overlay District)	<b>ODA</b> Oregon Department of Agriculture	<b>TIP</b> Transportation Improvement Program
<b>HOV</b> High Occupancy Vehicle	<b>ODOT</b> Oregon Department of Transportation	<b>TMA</b> Transportation Management Association
<b>HTF</b> Housing Trust Fund	<b>OHP</b> Oregon Highway Plan	<b>TOD</b> Transit Oriented Development
<b>HUD</b> US Department of Housing and Urban Development	<b>ORS</b> Oregon Revised Statutes	<b>TPR</b> Transportation Planning Rule
<b>ICMA</b> International City/County Managers Association	<b>OTC</b> Oregon Transportation Commission	<b>TRB</b> Transportation Research Board
<b>IHS</b> Interstate Highway System	<b>OTIA</b> Oregon Transportation Investment Act	<b>TSM</b> Transportation System Management
<b>ITE</b> Institute of Transportation Engineers	<b>RFP</b> Request for Proposal	<b>TSP</b> Transportation System Plan
<b>ITS</b> Intelligent Transportation Systems	<b>ROW</b> Right of Way	<b>UGB</b> Urban Growth Boundary
<b>LCDC</b> Land Conservation & Development Commission - State of Oregon	<b>SAD</b> Special Assessment District	<b>ULI</b> Urban Land Institute
<b>LOS</b> Level of Service (Traffic flow rating)	<b>SCIAC</b> State Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee	<b>UPWP</b> Unified Planning Work Program
<b>LRT</b> Light Rail Transit	<b>SDC</b> System Development Charge	<b>VMT</b> Vehicle Miles Traveled
<b>LRTP</b> Long Range Transportation Plan	<b>SLAPP</b> Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation	<b>VPD</b> Vehicles Per Day
<b>LRV</b> Light Rail Vehicle	<b>SLO</b> Sensitive Lands Ordinance	<b>WHPA</b> Wellhead Protection Area
<b>LUBA</b> Land-Use Board of Appeals - State of Oregon	<b>SMSA</b> Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area	<b>WMD</b> Watershed Management Program
<b>MAOZ</b> Mineral & Aggregate Overlay Zone	<b>SOV</b> Single Occupancy Vehicle	<b>WQMP</b> Water Quality Management Plan
<b>MF</b> Multifamily	<b>SPA</b> Specifically Planned Area	<b>ZBA</b> Zoning Board of Adjustment (or Appeals)
<b>MIS</b> Major Investment Study	<b>SRO</b> Single Room Occupancy	<b>ZLL</b> Zero Lot Line
<b>MOA</b> Memorandum of Agreement	<b>STIP</b> Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan	
<b>MOU</b> Memorandum of Understanding	<b>STP</b> Surface Transportation Program	
<b>MPD</b> Master Planned Development	<b>STPP</b> Surface Transportation Policy Project	
<b>MPO</b> Metropolitan Planning Organization	<b>SWCD</b> Soil & Water Conservation District	
<b>MSA</b> Metropolitan Statistical Area	<b>TAC</b> Technical Advisory Committee	
<b>MTP</b> Metropolitan Transportation Plan	<b>TAZ</b> Traffic Analysis Zone	
	<b>TCM</b> Transportation Control Measure	



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