

**Definitions**

NOTE: Initials after definitions indicate the program area in which these terms are found. AV = Airport, CE = Convention & Entertainment, LIB = Library, GG = General Government, H = Health, POL = Police, P&R = Parks, SS = Storm Sewer, S&TC = Streets and Traffic Control, WW = Wastewater, W = Water.

**A&G:** Airfield and Grounds (AV)

**ACM:** Asbestos-Containing Materials (GG, S&TC)

**ACTC:** Air Traffic Control Tower (AV)

**ADA:** Americans with Disabilities Act (WW, POL)

**AIP:** Airport Improvement Project (AV)

**AMF:** Air Mail Facility (AV)

**AOA:** Airport Operating Area (AV)

**APPROPRIATION:** An authorization by City Council allowing obligations or expenditures from City resources.

**APRON:** the paved area in front of and around airport hangars and terminal buildings (AV)

**ARFF:** Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (AV)

**ARP:** Airport Response Point (AV)

**ASC:** Airport Services Complex (AV)

**ATTENUATING:** to reduce in force, value, or amount; to lessen density of (AV)

**B.F.:** Bond Fund

**CAPITAL PROGRAM:** A group of capital projects classified according to common purpose and common funding sources. There are thirteen (13) capital programs in the current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

**CAPITAL PROJECT:** Any substantial non-recurring physical improvement with a long term life expectancy (fifteen to twenty years). This includes land purchases, new facilities, initial equipment purchases to furnish new facilities, and all related planning, engineering, and architectural design activities.

**CBD:** Central Business District (AV)

**CCTV:** Closed-Circuit Television (AV)

**CD:** Community Development (WW)

**CFR:** Crash Fire Rescue (AV)

**C.I.W.A.:** Coastal Industrial Water Authority

**CM:** Construction Management (AV)

**COH:** City of Houston (AV)

**COMMERCIAL PAPER:** Short term flexible maturity debt backed by a line of credit. Commercial paper is issued as needed and therefore less subject to arbitrage penalties and high interest costs compared to general obligation bonds.

## 2006-2010 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

## CITY OF HOUSTON

**CPTED:** Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, a program where proper design and the effective use of the physical environment can produce behavioral effects that will reduce the incidence and fear of crime, resulting in improved quality of life. (S&TC)

**CRC:** Capacity Reservation Charge (WW)

**CTMS:** Computerized Traffic Management System (S&TC)

**CWA:** Coastal Water Authority (WW, W)

**DEICING POINTS:** Special locations for Airport de-icing (AV)

**DGPS:** Differential Global Positioning System, navigational aide (AV)

**DHHS:** Department of Health and Human Services (H)

**DOA:** Department of Aviation (AV)

**EFD:** Ellington Field (AV)

**EXPENDITURE:** The actual cost of goods or services recognized at the time actual cash payments are made.

**EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency (WW, W)

**FIDS:** Flight Information and Display Systems, the screens that display the time/gate for arrivals and departures (AV)

**FIS:** Federal Inspection Services (AV)

**FAA:** Federal Aviation Administration (AV)

**FOD:** Foreign Object Debris (AV)

**FWSD:** Fresh Water Supply District (WW)

**GBIAH:** George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (AV)

**GED:** General Education Development (LIB)

**G.O. Bond Fund:** General Obligation Bond Fund

**GREEN LIGHTS PROGRAM:** Program which promotes energy efficiency and reduction of energy consumption, resulting in lower energy costs. (WW, H)

**GT:** Ground Transportation (AV)

**HAS:** Houston Airport System (AV)

**H.B. & T.R.R.:** Houston Belt and Terminal Railroad (S&TC)

**H.C.:** Health Center (H)

**H.C.F.C.D.:** Harris County Flood Control District (S&TC, SS)

**HCTRA:** Harris County Toll Road Authority (AV)

**HELIXES:** a ramp structure used to move a vehicle from one level to another. (AV)

**HGAC:** Houston Galveston Area Council (W)

**HGCSD:** Harris County/Galveston County Coastal Subsidence District - Unit which regulates the pumpage of water out of the ground (subsidence). (W)

**HOU:** William P. Hobby Airport (AV)

**HPD:** Houston Police Department (POL)

**HVAC:** Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning (AV, POL, LIB, GG)

**IAB:** International Airline Building (Mickey Leland Terminal) (AV)

**I/I:** Inflow/Infiltration (WW)

**ILS:** Instrument Landing System (AV)

**ITT:** Inter-Terminal Train, passenger train that goes to all four terminals (AV)

**JFK:** John F. Kennedy Boulevard (AV)

**L.F.:** Linear Feet (SS, AV)

**LINE OF CREDIT:** A bank's commitment to lend money to an issuer which is invalid in the event of a default by the issuer.

**LNG:** Liquid Natural Gas (AV)

**MALS:** Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System (AV)

**MES:** Mechanical and Emergency System (CE)

**METRO and MTA:** Metropolitan Transit Authority (S&TC)

**MGD:** Million Gallons Daily (WW)

**M&O:** Maintenance and Operation (AV)

**MSC:** Multi-Service Center (GG, H)

**MUD:** Municipal Utility District (WW)

**NAVAIDS:** Navigational Aids (AV)  
**NE:** Northeast (AV)

**NEIGHBORHOODS TO STANDARD AREA:** A neighborhood targeted for revitalization and stabilization. (WW, P&R)

**NFPA:** National Fire Protection Association (AV)

**NPC:** Non-Potable Water (WW)

**NPDES:** National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AV)

**NW:** Northwest (AV)

**O&M:** Operation and Maintenance (WW, P&R)

**P.A.S.S.:** Principal Arterial Street System (funding through the Federal Highway Department (S&TC)

**PD & LAW ENF. FAC.:** Police Department and Law Enforcement Facility (GG)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION FORM (FORM A):** The CIP form used to provide detailed information on a capital project including the description and justification, expected operating and maintenance costs, planned funding sources, and anticipated appropriation levels in each fiscal year for the duration of the plan. A Projection Description Form for every capital project is included in the CIP.

**PM:** Program Management (AV)

**PONDING:** the accumulation of standing water as a result of poor drainage. (AV)

**PPM:** Physical, Plant and Maintenance (AV)

**PROGRAM SUMMARY FORM (FORM C):** The CIP form used to summarize all capital projects included in a capital program. The project name, council district that it serves, as well as planned appropriation information are summarized on this form.

**PSO:** Public Service Officer (POL)

**P.U.D.:** Public Utility Department (WW)

**RCTSS:** Regional Computerized Traffic Signal System (S&TC)

**REN. & REP.:** Renewal and Replacement (WW)

**R.O.W.:** Right-Of-Way (S&TC)

**RUNUP:** An aircraft engine test involving increased engine power while the aircraft is on the ground. (AV)

**R/W:** Runway (AV)

**S. B. & T. C. B. F.:** Street, Bridge, and Traffic Control Bond Fund (S&TC)

**SCADA:** Wastewater Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (WW)

**SMGCS:** Surface Movement Guidance Control System (AV)

**SOURCE OF FUNDS SUMMARY (FORM D):** The CIP form used to summarize all the funding sources included in a capital program. Each funding source as well as planned appropriation amounts are included in this form.

**S.P.R.R.:** Southern Pacific Railroad (S&TC)

**STD:** Sexually Transmitted Diseases (H)

**TCEQ:** Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

**TDH:** Texas Department of Health (WW)

**TDZ:** Touch Down Zone (AV)

**TEC:** Texas Energy Commission (AV)

**TNRCC:** Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (AV)

**TRITURATOR:** to rub, grind, crush, or pound into fine particles. (AV)

**T/W:** Taxiway (AV)

**TWC:** Texas Water Commission (WW, W, AV, GG)

**TX DOT:** Texas Department of Transportation (S&TC)

**UST:** Underground Storage Tanks (WW)

**WCID:** Water Control Improvement District (WW)

**WIC:** Women-Infant-Children (H)

**WPA:** Work Projects Administration (P&R)

**WSA:** Westside Airport (AV)

**WWCC:** Wastewater Control Center (WW)

**WWTP:** Wastewater Treatment Plant (WW)