



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

Office of Airport Planning  
and Programming

800 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20591

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Dear Industry Representative:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is circulating Draft Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5360-13A, *Airport Terminal Planning and Design*, to industry associations for comments.

This AC is a reference document and starting point for anyone initiating the planning and design of airport terminals. This document:

- Combines ACs: 150/5360-13, *Planning and Design Guidelines for Airport Terminal Facilities* and AC 150/5360-9, *Planning and Design Guidelines for Airport Terminal Facilities at Non-hub locations*.
- Provides initial planning considerations that should be made before and during the terminal planning and design process.
- Presents the framework of a basic terminal planning and design process, and key considerations for each step.
- Includes a new chapter on sustainability considerations for terminal planning and design.
- Provides references to relevant FAA Orders, ACs, Transportation Research Board (TRB) reports, and industry guidance on terminal planning and design.

Previous terminal planning and design ACs had a more quantitative approach to defining spatial programming metrics. In contrast, this draft AC focuses on the process of planning and designing airport terminals, and key considerations during that process. To avoid duplicative guidance and recognize the natural evolution of terminal planning practices, the AC provides references to other resources that focus on the quantitative metrics and practices that drive terminal planning and design in greater depth.

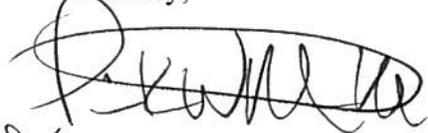
This draft AC is independent from guidance on Airport Improvement Program (AIP) or Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) eligibility and justification. Use of this AC does not establish or ensure project eligibility, or justification for AIP or PFC funding.

We will consider comments received by **August 23, 2016** for inclusion in the AC. Please submit comments on the enclosed comment matrix. Please email the completed matrix to William Reinhardt, Airport Planning Specialist, Airport Planning and Environmental Division, at [William.Reinhardt@faa.gov](mailto:William.Reinhardt@faa.gov). Please provide justification for all comments and recommended modifications.

We may revise the final document as a result of comments we receive and during further review within the FAA. We will then prepare and publish the final AC.

This Draft Advisory Circular is available and can be viewed at the FAA Airports website: [http://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/draft\\_advisory\\_circulars/](http://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/draft_advisory_circulars/)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Hines", written over a horizontal line.

For  
Mike Hines,  
Manager, Airport Planning  
and Environmental Division

Enclosures