

Helicopter Facilities – Stakeholder Input

Additional Recommendations for City Council to Consider

Permanent Facility

The stakeholder group felt that as Austin continues to grow, the City should consider building a permanent helicopter facility to serve the downtown area. The City should also consider cost and ways to fund the facility such a tax on helicopter operations similar to hotel tax.

Additional Category II Facility for use during Formula 1

The City should study an additional Category II site to be used north of the river that serves the downtown area for Formula 1.

Insurance Requirements

The City's Risk Manager should review current insurance requirements to ensure they are appropriate. The flight operators suggested possibly considering for Categories I and II just naming City on aircraft policies in as it includes haul and liability and then also reviewing the private property owners insurance.

Application Fees

Fees should be evaluated based on the recommended changes.

Operator Meeting

City should consider meeting with all operators flying during Formula 1 to discuss operations, neighborhood concerns, and previous experiences.

Additional Stakeholder Meeting

The group suggest that another meeting (s) is held after the 2013 Formula 1 event to evaluate the changes and operations.

Permit Approval Time

The group would like more clarity on what happens if permit is not responded to in 45 days.