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|-------|---|--------|--|
| AC    | Advisory Circular                         | MALSF  | Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System with Sequenced Flashers                |
| AD    | Airport Design                            | MALSR  | Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System with Runway Alignment Indicator Lights |
| ADG   | Airplane Design Group                     | ME     | Multi-Engine   |
| AGL   | Above Ground Level                        | MIRL   | Medium Intensity Runway Lights   |
| AIP   | Airport Improvement Program               | MITL   | Medium Intensity Taxiway Lights  |
| ALP   | Airport Layout Plan                       | MLS    | Microwave Landing System   |
| ALS   | Approach Lighting System                  | MOA    | Military Operating Area  |
| ARC   | Airport Reference Code                    | MSL    | Mean Sea Level   |
| ARP   | Airport Reference Point                   | NAVAID | Navigational Aid   |
| ARTCC | Air Route Traffic Control Center          | NDB    | Nondirectional Beacon  |
| ASDA  | Accelerate Stop Distance                  | NM     | Nautical Mile  |
| ASR   | Airport Surveillance Radar                | NPIAS  | National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems                                      |
| ASV   | Annual Service Volume                     | ODALS  | Omnidirectional Approach Lighting System   |
| ATC   | Air Traffic Control                       | OFA    | Object Free Area   |
| ATCT  | Airport Traffic Control Tower             | OFZ    | Obstacle Free Zone   |
| AWOS  | Automated Weather Observation system      | PAPI   | Precision Approach Path Indicator  |
| BRL   | Building Restriction Line                 | PAR    | Precision Approach Radar   |
| CAT   | Category                                  | RAIL   | Runway alignment Indicator Lights  |
| CFR   | Code of Federal Regulations               | REIL   | Runway End Identifier Lights   |
| CWY   | Clearway                                  | ROFA   | Runway Object Free Area  |
| CY    | Calendar Year                             | RPZ    | Runway Protection Zone   |
| DME   | Distance Measuring Equipment              | RSA    | Runway Safety Area   |
| EL    | Elevation                                 | RVR    | Runway Visual Range  |
| EMT   | Emergency Medical Technician              | RWY    | Runway   |
| FAA   | Federal Aviation Administration           | SWY    | Stopway  |
| FAR   | Federal Aviation Regulation               | TH     | Threshold  |
| FBO   | Fixed Base Operator                       | TL     | Taxilane   |
| FSS   | Flight Service System                     | TODA   | Takeoff Distance Available   |
| FY    | Fiscal Year                               | TOFA   | Taxiway Object Free Area   |
| GA    | General Aviation                          | TORA   | Takeoff Run Available  |
| GPS   | Global Positioning System                 | TSA    | Taxiway Safety Area  |
| HIRL  | High Intensity Runway Lights              | TVOR   | Very High Frequency Omrange on an Airport  |
| IEMT  | Intermediate Emergency Medical Technician | TXY    | Taxiway  |
| IFR   | Instrument Flight Rules                   | USGS   | United States Geological Society   |
| ILS   | Instrument Landing System                 | VASI   | Visual Approach Slope Indicator  |
| IMC   | Instrument Meteorological Conditions      | VFR    | Visual Flight Rules  |
| LDA   | Landing Distance Available                | VOR    | Very High Frequency Omrange  |
| LOC   | Localizer                                 |        |  |
| MALS  | Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System |        |  |