

Revised amended definitions: 14.90.002

(24) “Personal wireless communications device” means an electronic or electrical device that was not provided by the bus transit system for business purposes.

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(25) “Use of a wireless communications device” means use of a mobile telephone or other electronic or electrical device, hands-on or hands-free, to conduct an oral communication; to place or receive a telephone call; to send or read electronic mail or a text message; to play a game; to navigate the Internet; to play, view, or listen to a video; to play, view, or listen to a television broadcast; to play or listen to music; to execute a computational function. Use of an electronic or electrical device that enhances the individual’s physical ability to perform, such as a hearing aid, is not included in this definition.

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(26) “Wireless communications device” means an electronic or electrical device capable of remote communication. Examples include cell phones, personal digital assistants (PDAs) and portable computers (commonly called laptop computers).

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**14-90.004 Bus Transit System Operational Standards.**

(1) Each bus transit system shall develop and adopt an SSPP that complies with or exceeds the, at a minimum, with established safety standards set forth in this rule chapter.

(a) The SSPP shall address the following safety elements and requirements:

12. A wireless communication plan and procedure that provides for the safe operation of the bus transit vehicle. The wireless communication plan and procedure shall assure that:

a. The use of a personal wireless communications device is prohibited while the transit vehicle is in motion.

b. All personal wireless communications devices are turned off with any earpieces removed from the operator's ear while occupying the driver's seat.

13. Policy on the use of a wireless communications device issued to the operator by the bus transit system for business related purposes. Policies developed shall assure that

a. Guidelines are developed that allow for the use of a wireless communications device in emergency situations.

b. The use of a wireless communications device does not interfere with the operator's safety related duties.

14. The Bus Transit System shall develop a driver educational training program on

a. the proper use of a wireless communications device issued to the operator by the bus transit system while in the performance of their safety related duties.

b. hazards associated with driving and utilizing a wireless communications device.