

PO PROHIBITED USES | AUTOMOTIVE USES

Currently, the standard PO district prohibits automotive uses, transportation uses, and drive-through facilities. Automotive uses include gas stations, autos sales, and auto repair. Prohibited uses in the proposed PO boundary would be considered non-conforming uses and would have rights to remain and continue operations, but would require additional land use applications for expansions.

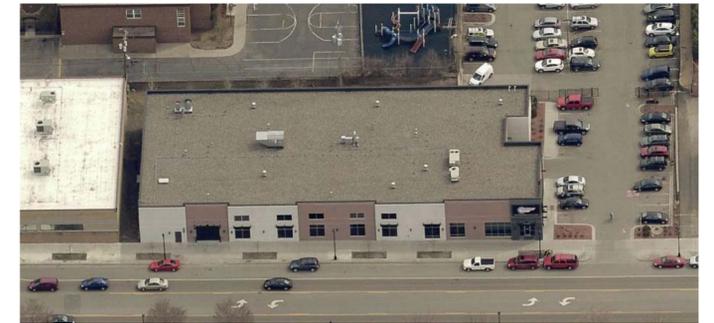
A potential option includes allowing some automotive uses, but making the uses subject to specific development standards to address impacts to pedestrian environment. Potential standards could include requiring all work and the storage of vehicles to occur within an enclosed building. This would be in addition to the building and site design standards all sites will be subject to.

Current Standard



Automotive uses are traditionally prohibited because of the focus on vehicular activity in an area focused on supporting pedestrian activity. Additionally, the design of these uses typically includes large areas of parking in front of the building and with some vehicles stored outdoors. The physical design of these uses often results in an unfriendly pedestrian environment.

Potential Option



Autopia (above left) at 24th and Hennepin and Lehman's Garage (above right) at 54th and Lyndale are examples of auto repair where the storage of vehicles appears to be located within the building. These serve as representative examples to consider in allowing auto repair with design standards in the PO District.

What do you like about this option?

What do you not like?