

TO: David Moser, City of Boise Planning and Development Services
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SUBJECT: CUP19-00066 – Parking Plan

Boise State University hosts a population of 15,000 - 25,000 students, visitors and staff nearly every day – especially when classes are in session. In addition, frequent and major events are held on campus that directly or indirectly tie to the academic mission. To manage this demand, the university has robust transportation management capabilities and a total parking stall count of approximately 7,300. The BOAS property at 1507 S. Oakland Avenue is part of the university’s transportation network, and benefits from our ability to manage visitors and events.

In 2002, competitive play for the Women’s Soccer Program was provisioned at BOAS through CUP02-039. Conditions of the approval included an additional 63-stall parking lot¹ and limitations on use: No tennis or soccer events could be held at the same time.

Being that the Challenge Course will have less participants and staff than either a major tennis or soccer event, we believe the site has adequate parking for the requested use. However, we understand that recent Women’s Soccer events have strained parking availability and created some impact on adjacent streets. To acknowledge neighborhood concerns associated with any additional uses on the site, Boise State is willing to implement a shuttle system for Challenge Course participants if activities coincide with a competitive soccer event.

The aforementioned transportation management system(s) supports our ability to implement this approach with success:

- Campus Recreation will manage all reservations and activities at the Challenge Course. The soccer schedule is known several months in advance and calendars can be coordinated easily. Once conference play begins, there remains enough advance notice to accomplish a shuttle approach.
- All Challenge Course participants will receive communication from Campus Recreation prior to on-site activities. This will include instructions on parking and site access. In the scenario that a Challenge Course event coincides with a Women’s Soccer event, Challenge Course Participants will be directed to park on-campus and shuttle, or use alternate (non-vehicular) transportation to reach the BOAS property.

Boise State favors this approach far more than prohibiting use of the Challenge Course during other events. We believe our parking and event management expertise is capable of enforcing a balanced parking strategy, and one that creates no additional impact on adjacent streets.

¹ Total of 163 parking stall at the property.