

BOISE PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN

PBOT Manages Parking with Several Key Tools:



Time Limit Signs

Time limit signs are used along commercial corridors to encourage parking turnover and increase access to local establishments, enabling the next person to more easily find a parking space. If installed in a coordinated manner with standard time limits (e.g. 2 hour) and limited exceptions that meet the needs of the neighborhood (e.g. 5, 10, 30 minutes), they also help provide visitors with clarity and order.

Time limit signs are used where there is parking demand but not high enough to warrant parking meters.



Parking Meters

Parking meters are used in the highest demand commercial and mixed-use areas as the most effective tool to encourage parking turnover and increase access to local establishments, enabling the next person to more easily find a parking space

Meters encourage a culture of compliance more effectively than time limit signs as they allow for more efficient enforcement. Time limit signs require double the parking enforcement visits than meters.



Parking Permit Programs

Parking permit programs are used to manage commuter, event, and local business spillover into neighborhoods.

These work in areas with high parking demand and are in sync with visitor time limit signs and meters, allowing permit holders – purchased by residents, businesses, and their guests – to park longer than the visitor limit.



Parking Enforcement Officers

Enforcement officers respond to community requests and enforce parking rules. Parking enforcement helps make sure the tools – time limit signs, meters and permits – are working and that safety concerns, like visibility and blocked crosswalks, are addressed.

The goal of enforcement isn't to issue citations, but to create a culture of compliance where residents and visitors park safely and legally. Enforcement is key for the success of parking management.



Transportation Demand Management

Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies reduce the need for single occupancy vehicle trips through programs and incentives that encourage other transportation modes such as walking, biking, rolling, taking transit, and carpooling. TDM also disincentivizes parking by managing and pricing parking.

In return, these strategies ease the demand for parking, making the system more efficient.