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THE NEW FACILITY PROPOSAL

STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACTIVITY COMPLEX

PROPOSED BY

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PROTECTING
OVER OUR
LIVES**

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ABOUT CARPOOL

HISTORY

On October 23, 1997, Jeff Schiefelbein received a DWI in College Station and began an 18-month probation sentence. On November 11, 1998, Schiefelbein was required to appear at a Mother's Against Drunk Driving Victim Impact panel where he heard a woman's story about her high school daughter's death. He was inspired by this story to begin a program that the Aggie community could rely on when out for a night of partying. After almost one year of research and promotions, CARPOOL began operations on September 16, 1999 at 10 pm. Soon CARPOOL came to realize that they had built trust with the community and the students. As awareness grew, so too did the number of rides. Other schools caught on to this amazing concept and CARPOOL continues to inform others about the program.

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DATE ESTABLISHED

**16TH SEPTEMBER
1999**

MISSION

CARPOOL will facilitate a safe and reliable commuting environment in the Bryan/College Station area by providing free, non-judgmental rides home to intoxicated patrons and/or patrons rendered incapable of transportation due to other circumstances.

VISION

CARPOOL strives to become the most effective and sought after designated driver program in the nation through our endless dedication, unique operations, commitment to the safety of our fellow students, focus on values, and the constant improvement of our volunteers.

VALUES

As representatives of CARPOOL, we are committed to taking ownership of the ideals of CARPOOL, fulfilling our responsibilities, and upholding the reputation that we work to achieve.

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VALUES (CONT'D.)

We unconditionally respect ourselves, patrons, and others through our thoughts, words, and actions.

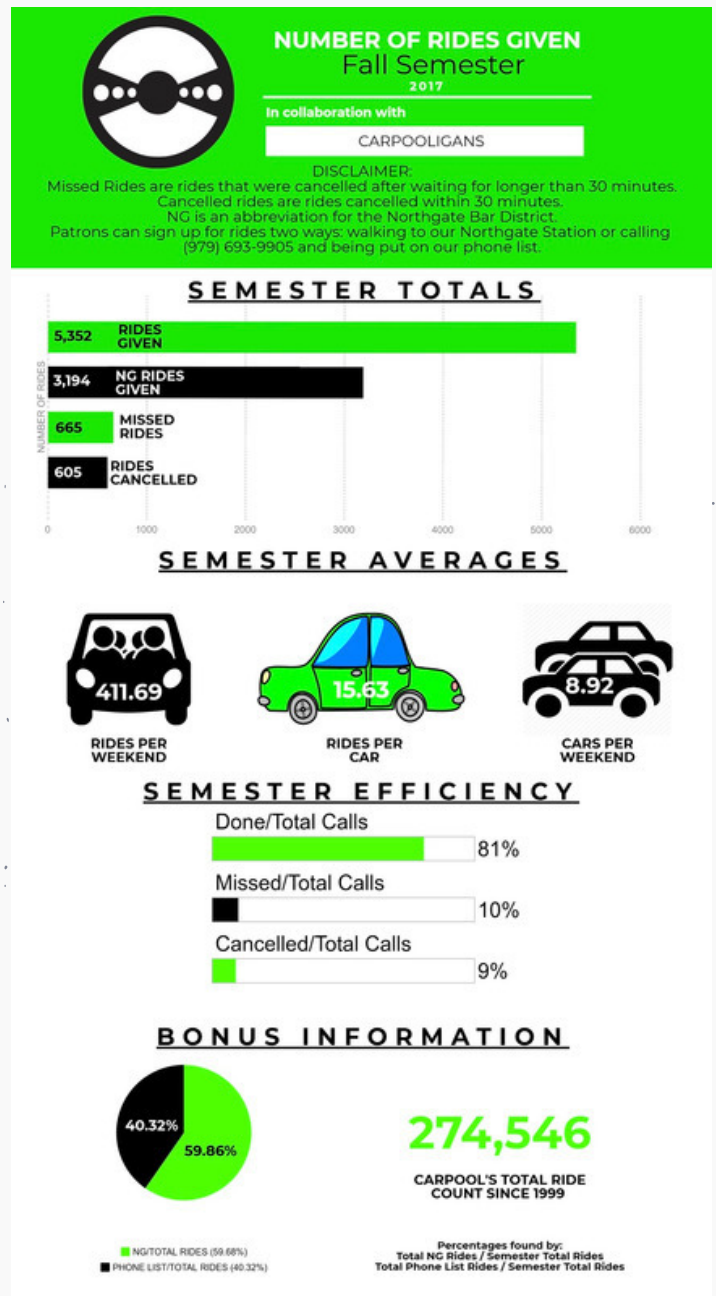
While we understand the safety of the community is our driving concern, the safety of our members is our top priority.

We promote equality and embrace diversity as a foundation of our organization and an asset to the community.

We believe teamwork and communication unite us to accomplish our goals. To preserve unity, we work to eliminate any divisions in our organization, while maintaining a fun atmosphere.

Through constant evaluation, innovation, and improvement of CARPOOL, we are committed to the pursuit of success, and further development of our program and ourselves.

As members of CARPOOL we hold ourselves and each other accountable for upholding these values.



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STATISTICS

- Rides Given 2016-2017: 12,016
- Average Membership: 180
- Average Operational Weekend Cost: \$1,800.00
- Operational Costs: \$120,000.00
- Total Cost Per Year*: \$180,000.00

*including house payments

ABOUT THE PROJECT

CARPOOL is very excited and proud to announce our goal of building and completing a new base of operations by August 2018.

This building will be CARPOOL's home for the foreseeable future and will facilitate our services and meetings. This new facility will be a 6,250 sq ft commercial metal building with the capacity to last the wear and tear of CARPOOL's operations for much longer than any house could. The building will include a conference room, kitchen, phone room, media room, four debriefing rooms, seven storage rooms, and a dance hall with an attached space for holding items during lessons.

CARPOOL's current facility is a house named after the Schmidt family, who donated it to Texas A&M University.

DATE PROPOSED

**25TH JUNE
2017**

Currently CARPOOL's use of the house is unsustainable.

The Aggie Wranglers were also looking for a new location to hold lessons and practices. As both CARPOOL and The Wranglers are recognized student organizations at Texas A&M University, we felt a partnership was beneficial. The Wranglers will own the dance hall, storage space, and office space as a separate entity from CARPOOL's use. The Wranglers are helping CARPOOL fundraise for this space.

Mr. Jim Woods '71 has offered owner financing for the building. The building would be in CARPOOL's name, while paying off the total over time. However, we would like to lower future payments as much as we can.

By helping fund or build CARPOOL's future base of operations, you will be helping us achieve a plan that has been culminating for many years. We are jubilant that this dream is finally coming true, and we look forward to continuing to save lives thanks to your contribution to our mission.

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COMMITTED TO SUCCESS

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
Department of Student Activities



May 1, 2017
RE: CARPOOL Headquarters Relocation

To whom it may concern,

The Department of Student Activities and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs would like to share their support of the Texas A&M safe-ride program, CARPOOL (Caring Aggies R Protecting Over Our Lives). CARPOOL is a student-run 501(c)3 non-profit organization serving the Bryan/College Station community with free rides home (to anyone living or staying within the B/CS city limits) every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night from 10pm to 3am during the Spring and Fall semesters at Texas A&M University.

CARPOOL has operated in the Bryan/College Station community for over 17 years, and they have given almost 270,000 free safe-rides during that time. CARPOOL maintains close community relationships with the Cities of Bryan and College Station, as well as partnerships with local law enforcement. They are a recognized student organization at Texas A&M and operate as part of the Student Government Association. In fact, CARPOOL was the 2016 Sponsored Organization of the Year.

CARPOOL has operated out of a university property, Schmidt House, managed by the Department of Student Activities for the last nine years. Due to deferred maintenance items that need to be addressed based on the age and condition of the property, we have determined that it is in CARPOOL's best operational interest to relocate to a new, more sustainable, headquarter space by Fall 2018. While occupying Schmidt House, CARPOOL has consistently paid their bills, reported maintenance issues to the department, and adjusted their operations to accommodate the residential and community needs of the neighbors in the surrounding area.

Minimally, it is imperative that CARPOOL find a location that can accommodate a fleet of up to thirty rental cars for each night of operation, as well as enable them to access reliable phone and internet service so that communication can be maintained with cars and drivers throughout the night. The space should also be able to appropriately accommodate between 30-50 students at any given time during operations.

As members of the university community who have worked most closely with CARPOOL during the past 17 years, we ask that serious consideration be given to any inquiries made by the student leaders and Board of Directors for this organization. Our goal is to facilitate a relocation that will allow CARPOOL to function at their fullest capacity while continuing to provide an incredibly valuable service to the Bryan, College Station, and Texas A&M communities.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Jennifer Boyle at (979) 862-3912.

Sincerely,

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Director, Student Activities

Dr. C.J. Woods
Associate Vice President, Student Affairs

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LOCATION

After viewing many land options and meeting with realtors, CARPOOL chose the place that most suited its needs. The factors used in consideration were: distance from Enterprise Rental Car (where we rent our cars), Transportation Services (gas station), and patrons, as well as price.

The location chosen was Aggieland Business Park, owned by Mr. Jim Jett '66. The Business Park is off of highway 60 towards Snook, TX. The land price at the time of acquisition was \$120,000. This site contains all the utilities needed including water, electrical, and fiber internet.

Currently, our plot of land is in the College Station Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. However, both Bryan and College Station have plans for development towards this area. The HSC Parkway will eventually expand towards Jones Road in the Business Park. We will then be in the hub of both cities in the surrounding areas.

We also would like to thank Jeremy Richmond of Oldham Goodwin, LLC for his knowledge and patience during our process of finding a new home.

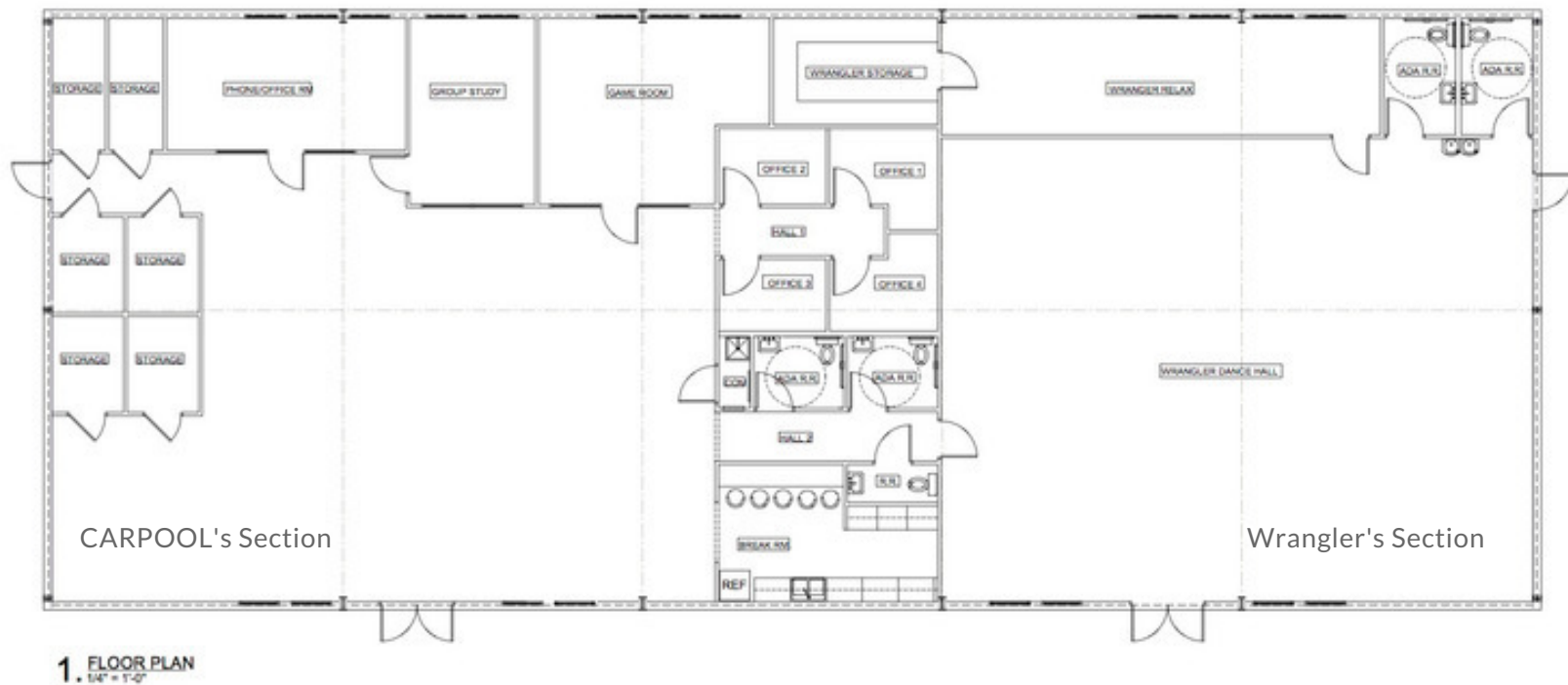
For the official land plat, please see the attached Appendix A.



BUILDER AND BUILDING DESIGN

CARPOOL sent its initial design out to many builders to get a feel for what the project may cost. As various builders quoted the design, CARPOOL took a look at what was truly needed. Throughout the months of planning, excess walls and space have been cut out of the project to make the most efficient use of the space.

Our design going forward was created by Mr. Jim Woods '71. His daughter is a CARPOOL alumni and his niece is an Aggie Wrangler alumni. He owns and operates Jim Woods Construction in College Station, TX. The total for the building is \$800,000, while CARPOOL's portion is worth \$462,080.



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BUDGET

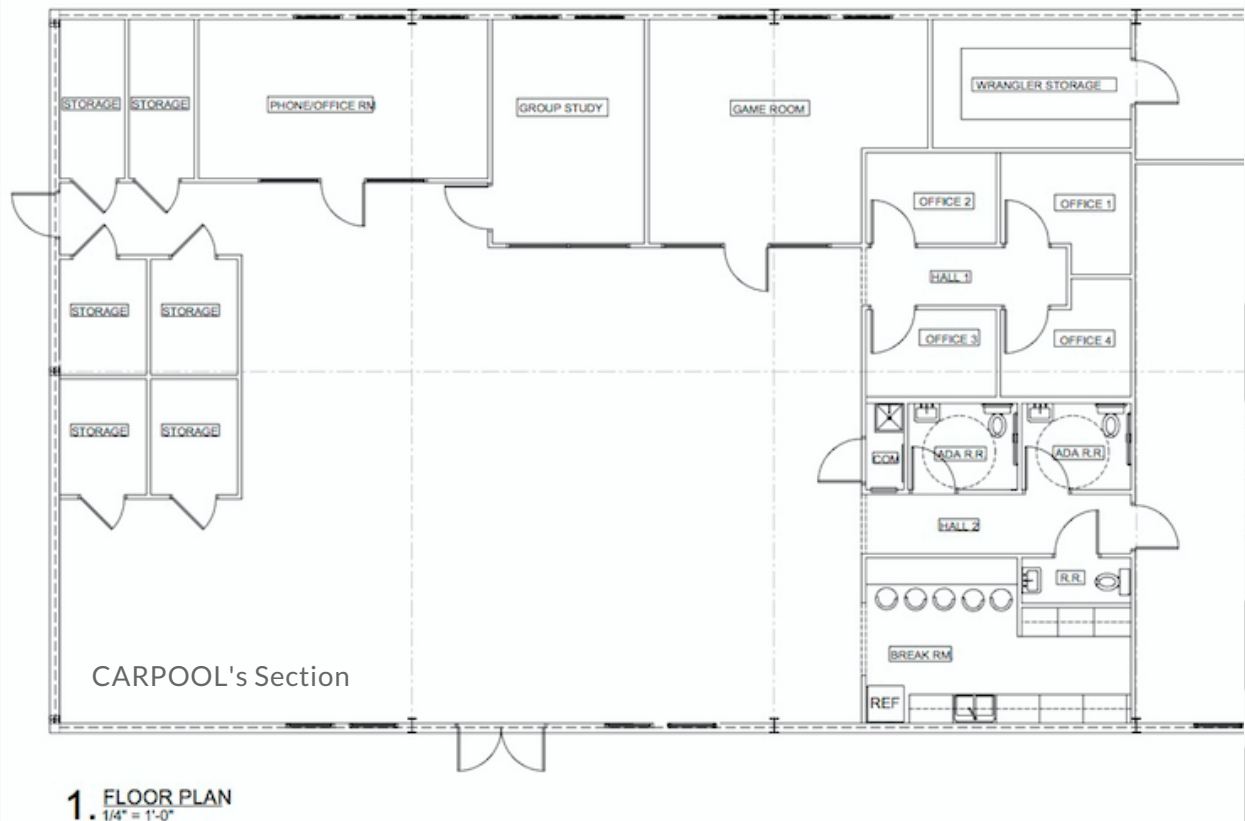
Room Breakdown

• Green Room	\$200,304	• Hall 1	\$8,640
• Parking Lot	\$50,000	• Storage Space 1	\$6,656
• Game Room	\$35,072	• Storage Space 2	\$6,656
• Phone Room	\$28,544	• Storage Space 3	\$6,144
• Kitchen	\$22,656	• Storage Space 4	\$6,144
• Group Study	\$21,376	• Storage Space 5	\$6,144
• Hall 2	\$9,472	• Storage Space 6	\$6,144
• Debriefing Room 1	\$7,936	• ADA Bathroom 1	\$6,144
• Debriefing Room 2	\$6,912	• ADA Bathroom 2	\$6,144
• Debriefing Room 3	\$7,424	• Bathroom 3	\$4,096
• Debriefing Room 4	\$7,936	• Small Storage Closet	\$1,536

Other Items Needed

- Storage Cabinet with Drawers
- Television
- TV Stand
- Kitchen Sink
- Counter Tops
- Dishwasher
- Storage Cabinets
- Refrigerator
- Projector
- Projector Screen
- Cafe Tables
- Chairs
- 5 Bar Stools
- Conference Table

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HOW TO DONATE

DONOR BENEFITS

CARPOOL is fully funded through donations. As a registered 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization with the IRS, all donations are tax-deductible. CARPOOL appreciates any support that we receive. An investment into our facility will help us provide rides for years to come. The benefits of donating are listed below.

- Major Donation: building named after you and name listed on the back of operation (OPS) shirts
- Fund a Room: room is named after you and name is listed on back of OPS shirts
- Donate \$200: name on plaque in future common room and on back of OPS shirts
- Invitation to ribbon cutting
- Progress updates
- Tax-deductible

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HOW TO DONATE

Online Donations:

Donations online can be made at the following link:
<https://www.youcaring.com/carpoolandaggiewranglers-969078>

As a reminder, there is a "tip" section on the donation form. Please make this amount "0" unless you would like to donate money to the website as well. If you would like a tax receipt please email development@carpool.tamu.edu with the following items: your name, mailing address, and donation amount.

Check Donations:

Please make all checks out to CARPOOL and specify house in the "for" section.

Mail the check to:

Kyle Dunlop
CARPOOL

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The tax receipt will be sent to the return address on the envelope.

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FOR
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OTHER DONOR AREAS

DONATION AREAS

In addition to the new facility, CARPOOL also has many other areas where we accept donations. These include operations, endowment, and Gala.

GALA

Gala is CARPOOL's largest fundraiser, which is held every Spring. It raises half of CARPOOL's operational budget through a dinner, silent auction, and live auction. There are a total of ten baskets each with various themes. Tickets are \$75.00 per person. If you would like to purchase tickets, donate an item, or have any questions please visit our website at <http://carpool.tamu.edu/committees/gala/> or email gala@carpool.tamu.edu.

OPERATIONS

CARPOOL operations is the core of what we do.

Donating to current operations helps us provide more rides home to the individuals living in the

Bryan/College Station area. Together we can work towards eliminating drunk driving. Please send all check or cash donations to:

Kyle Dunlop
CARPOOL

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ENDOWMENT

CARPOOL's endowment is held by the Texas A&M Foundation. Each year CARPOOL gains interest on the money held in the account, which currently contains around \$200,000.

It is our goal to eventually be self-sustaining from this interest. To donate please visit <https://www.txamfoundation.com/give.aspx>.

From there select:

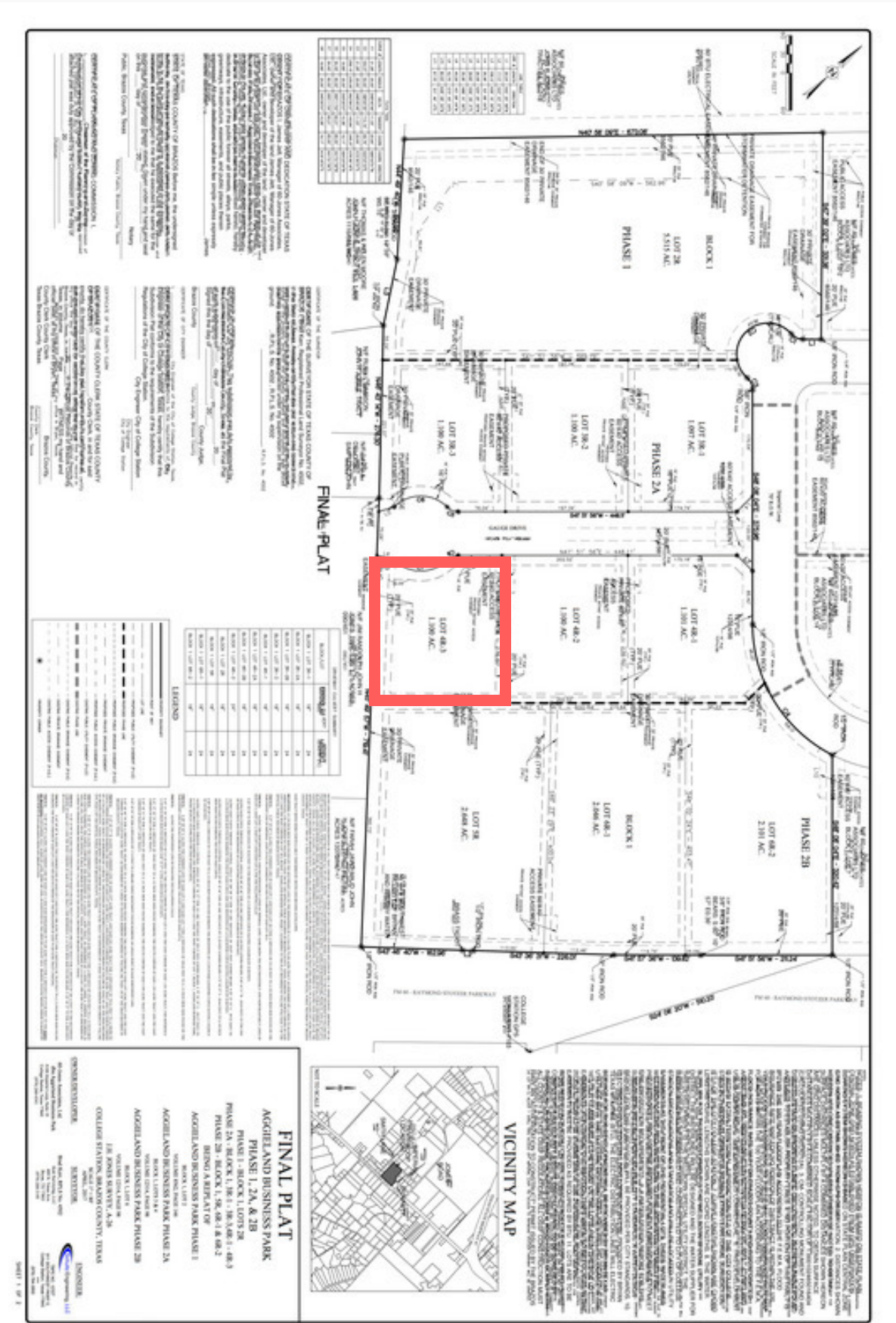
- I would like to give to: Division of Student Affairs
- Select department: Student Activities
- Select Account: CARPOOL Endowed Operating Fund

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APPENDIX A



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