

Plaza Garage Enhancement Project

On Oct. 3, 2016, evening work began to improve parking in the Plaza Garage on the east Capitol Campus. The work will:

- Increase parking spots by more than 100 by reducing the size of some stalls and decreasing the amount of reserved parking
- Install signs to help drivers and pedestrians navigate the garage
- Update signs and directional markers
- Repaint pedestrian walkways
- Add employee visitor parking to the 'A' level of the Garage near the Maple Park entrance

The work will take place in the evenings and on weekends. This project is part of the [Capitol Campus Parking Strategy Implementation Plan](#).

General overview

In July 2015, the Legislature directed the Department of Enterprise Services to carry out a plan based on recommendations from a 2014 study [to improve parking on the Capitol Campus](#). As the number of employees visiting and working on the campus continues to grow, the demand for parking increases. The upgrades are designed to ease congestion and reduce travel time spent looking for employee parking.



What's changing?

Parking stalls

When planning the re-striping project for the Plaza Garage, a DES study found 70 percent of parkers drive compact and medium sized vehicles and 30 percent drive large vehicles. Before the project began, all stalls in the Plaza Garage were approximately 9 feet wide. After the re-striping,

- 70 percent of the stalls will be converted from 9 foot stalls to 8 foot stalls
- Code compliant Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) stalls will increase from 19 to 35

Most of the outer ring of parking stalls on each level will remain 9 feet wide for those parkers who drive larger vehicles and will be identified as such.

Employee visitor parking

This project will add up to 145 paid automobile and five motorcycle parking stalls to the A level at the Maple Park entrance for state employees visiting the Capitol Campus for official business such as meetings or training. [To be eligible](#) to park in this lot, you must be a state employee whose permanent work station is not located on the Capitol Campus.

Navigation and signage

This project will also improve traffic flow in the Plaza Garage by providing new navigational signage and circulation patterns. When the project is complete, drivers will notice:

- A consistent theme of central one-way aisles and dedicated ramps for descending and ascending driving
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- New wayfinding signage to help parkers navigate to the next levels and garage entry and exit points
- Each garage level will be color coded to help parkers remember where they parked

Together, the circulation and wayfinding improvements are anticipated to help parkers navigate the complexities associated with the Plaza Garage's multiple access points, intricate circulation routes, internal access to adjacent parking facilities, and location of interior ramps.

This is a transition

This is the largest renovation project in the Plaza Garage in more than 40 years and is intended to lay the ground work for continuous improvements to campus parking for the next 40 years. The reduction in size of 70 percent of parking stalls is a change and will require an adjustment period. Drivers are urged to use extra caution and consideration when driving and parking in the Plaza Garage. Be aware of the cars parked next to you when entering and exiting your vehicles to avoid dings and scratches. DES employees want to help make this a smooth transition and will address questions and concerns as we receive them.

For more information

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