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Ottawa Ramp Renovation – Frequently Asked Questions

What is the extent of the renovation?

The entire middle concrete slab that separates the upper and lower level will be replaced, columns will be restored and floor drain systems will be repaired. The project will also include new lighting, fire suppression equipment, signage and paint.

When will the renovation start and how long will it take to complete?

The planned start date is May 16, 2005 and planned work time is 18 months.

Why is the ramp being renovated?

The ramp is 25 years old and this is the typical life cycle for major renovation to continue safe operation.

What work will be done on the plaza?

Old concrete and brick on the surface of the plaza will be replaced to facilitate ramp “roof” waterproofing. New landscaping will be included in keeping with the rest of the complex.

Why is the south half being renovated first?

The architects identified this section to be in the worst condition. Also, the original concrete pour pattern indicated that the best sequence of work is south to north.

Why move the parkers out of the south half for the duration of the project?

The primary temporary parking location will be the Allegan Ramp (under Treasury, Van Wagoner and Williams Bldgs.). The Allegan Ramp has very complex traffic patterns and two major temporary moves to this ramp in a short time period (9 months) would double traffic disruption. One temporary move will minimize the potential for accidents.

What will happen to the parkers in the north half of the ramp during the renovation?

They will stay in their current parking places for the first half of the project (approximately 9 months) and will move to the renovated south half of the ramp for remainder of the project.

How will handicap parkers be accommodated?

Everyone that is currently parking in a handicap space in the south half of the ramp will be temporarily relocated to a space in the north half of the ramp.

Will the Ottawa Ramp parkers temporarily moved from the south half of the ramp return to the same parking spaces at the conclusion of the renovation?

Yes, all parkers in the south and north sections of the ramp will be offered their current space at the conclusion of the renovation. This will be true even if they elect to temporarily cancel DMB parking and use an alternative parking solution (ex. rideshare, private parking, etc.) during the renovation.

Where are the temporary parking locations and what are the rates? Also, how many people are being moved to temporary parking?

Approximately 300 people will be moved to temporary parking. Parking locations are available as follows: 200 spaces in the Allegan Ramp, 50 spaces in the Ottawa and Allegan surface lots, 100 spaces in the Hall of Justice East Ramp. Current biweekly payroll deduction rates for each location are: Allegan Ramp (reserved space) \$42.25, surface lots \$17.00 and Hall of Justice East Ramp (random reserved) \$31.50.

What method will be used to offer temporary parking?

Offers will be made in state seniority order and seniority is based upon total service hours. For each parking offer, the parker may choose from available parking locations.

What safety measures are in place for late-hour pedestrian traffic to temporary parking in the Hall of Justice East Ramp?

DMB Central Control provides 24/7 emergency dispatch for the entire Capitol Complex. Over the last few years, parking and sidewalk lighting have been significantly improved and additional cameras and parking area call boxes were installed. Also, employees working late hours that park at a distance from their Capitol Complex building are allowed to move their vehicle to closer parking after 5:00 p.m. Please contact the DMB Parking Office at 373-1836 to make these arrangements.

Will the tunnels on the lower levels between the Ottawa and Allegan Ramps be available?

The north tunnel will be available during the first phase of the project and the south tunnel will be available during the second phase of the project.

How will fire evacuation and tornado and emergency shelter be accommodated?

Fire evacuation will remain the same as all fire exits will remain open. For shelter-in-place evacuations to the lower levels (i.e. tornados, etc.), pre-placed signage will direct tenants to the portions of the ramp that are not under construction at the time.

Will building air filters be changed more frequently due to the dust generated by the renovation?

Yes, HVAC equipment and air intakes are located on the roofs of the Ottawa and Hannah Bldgs. and more frequent air filter replacement is in the plan. It is DMB standard procedure to inspect all facility air filters on a weekly basis and to replace as necessary.

Will future parking rates be affected by the cost of this renovation?

Parking rates are based upon the maintenance and operating costs of the state parking system and are held below prevailing market rates for comparable parking. Rate increases based upon this renovation are likely.