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S. Fifth Avenue Parking Lot (Library Lot) Closed But Plentiful Parking Remains

Ann Arbor, MI -- The "Library Lot" parking lot was closed on September 30, 2009 for the start of the on-site construction phase of the DDA's S. Fifth Avenue underground parking structure project. But plentiful nearby public parking remains available in that area.

The area in the center of downtown adjacent to the former lot contains a rich array of restaurants, retail, services, offices, post office and the downtown library. Public parking remains available as follows:

- 5th & William parking lot (across the street from the former lot)
- 4th & William parking structure (one block west)
- 4th & Washington parking structure (two blocks northwest)
- On-street meters (many dozens of spaces on E. Liberty, E. William, S. Fourth Ave)

If patrons have any parking questions, they can call the Parking Customer Service Information Line, at (734)761-9477. Parking lot vacancy data is also available on the DDA website: http://www.a2dda.org/parking_transportation/available_parking_spots/

The DDA's underground parking structure project on the former Library Lot will entail a number of elements, including installation of a midblock alley, midblock street (currently dubbed "Library Lane"), water mains and electric improvements, as well as an new underground parking structure. The parking structure will be fully paid for with parking revenues generated by the users of the public parking system – with no use of tax dollars.

Construction is scheduled to take place October 2009 through late August 2011.

The project team is aware that construction will take place near the Library, existing businesses and residents, and planning is being done to minimize negative impacts to adjacent properties and the general public.

For more information about available parking or about the construction project, please contact the DDA via its website: www.a2dda.org.



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