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## **S. Fifth Avenue Parking Lot (Library Lot) to Close Wednesday, September 30th**

Ann Arbor, MI -- The "Library Lot" parking lot will close on September 30, 2009 at midnight for the start of the on-site construction phase of the DDA's S. Fifth Avenue underground parking structure project. Nearby public parking will remain available at the 5<sup>th</sup> & William parking lot (old Y lot), the 4<sup>th</sup> & William structure, and at nearby on-street parking meter spaces.

The project will begin with installation of new water mains on S. Division Street and S. Fifth Avenue, in addition to burying overhead communication and electric lines. The parking lot is being closed in order to provide staging area for this work. During the time water mains are being installed, one to two traffic lanes may be closed but remaining traffic lanes will remain open.

The excavation of the underground structure is anticipated to begin in mid- to late-October, and will begin at the S. Division side of the site. This phase of work will take many months. It is not anticipated that the project portion under S. Fifth Avenue will take place until December 2010, at which time the 300 block of S. Fifth Avenue will be closed for approximately 6 months.

The S. Fifth Avenue Parking Structure Project entails a number of elements. It will include the installation of a midblock alley, midblock street (currently dubbed "Library Lane"), water mains and electric improvements, as well as the 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. The Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority is managing all aspects of the construction process.

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. The DDA has instructed its contractors that construction is not to begin before 7am and construction activities will be required to comply with the City's Noise Control Ordinance. Sound, air, and vibration monitoring will be installed on the site, and dust controls will be utilized including fencing, water sprays, and a truck wash to remove excess soils before trucks leave the site. Further, for our adjacent commercial neighbors, the DDA will assist with temporary trash access and food service delivery as necessary.

In addition to a construction site manager, the DDA will have two Senior Project Managers on site during scheduled work hours and available by phone 24 hours/day, 7 days/week to answer questions or address concerns. For more information, please contact the DDA via its website: [www.a2dda.org](http://www.a2dda.org).

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