

Major Construction Update The Parking Garage at University Drive

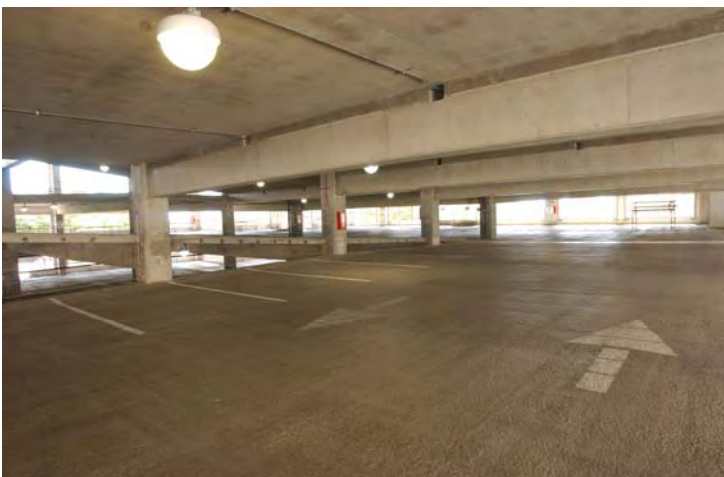
The new parking structure at University Drive is set to open in January and will provide much needed parking for the VAPHS employees, visitors, and veterans.

The garage includes four new elevators that will provide transport to each of the nine floors of the structure. Entrance to the main hospital from the garage will be in two locations. The visitor entrance will be on the first floor lobby just outside the eye clinic. Employees will enter the garage on the ground floor across the hallway from the credit union.



Exterior photo of the parking garage construction as it nears completion

Vehicles will enter the garage through one of four locations. Visitor vehicles will enter on level one through the driveway that is near the current patient parking at the front of the facility. This entrance will be monitored by VAPHS personnel to verify identification and ensure that only authorized vehicles enter the garage. The other three entrances will be gated with access granted through the use of employee identification cards currently issued to all VAPHS employees.

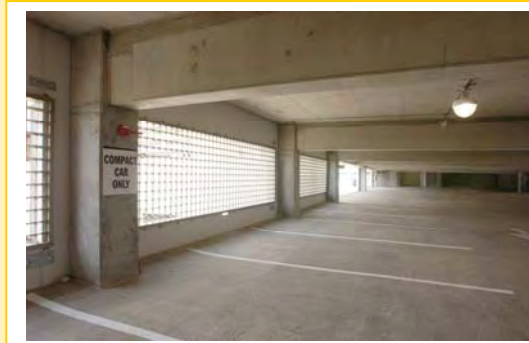
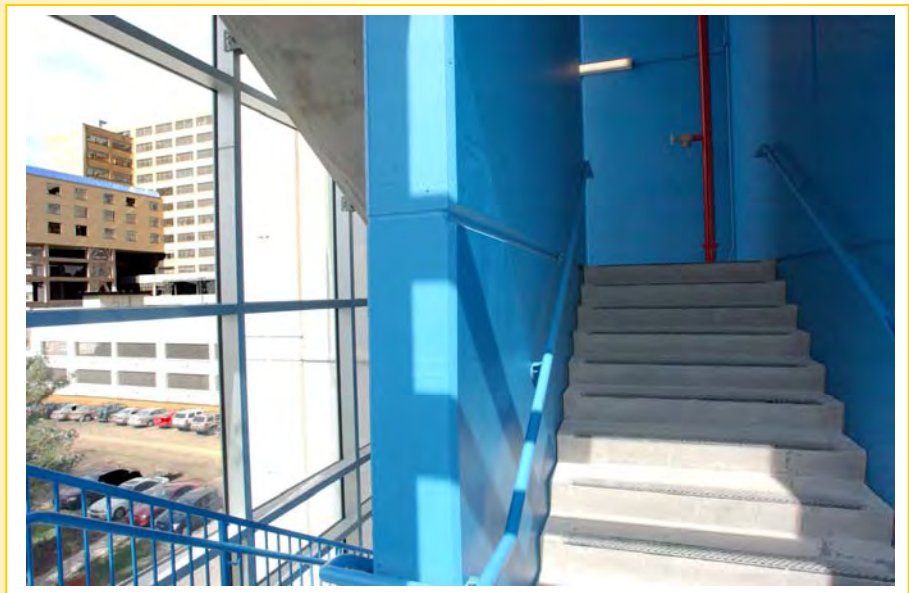




A new parking guidance system is being installed to aid in finding available spaces and reduces time searching for a space. Each floor will have a display providing an accurate count of available spaces on that floor. The system also includes a light above each parking space that will be red when occupied and green when free, making it easy to pick an available parking space after entering a floor.

Another component of the garage will be a built-in snow melt system. All exterior entrances and the top deck of the structure have heating pipes imbedded in the concrete. When outside temperature and humidity predicts snowfall, the system begins circulating warm water through the pipes to warm the concrete. The system starts automatically to prevent any snow from accumulating.

As we begin to finalize plans to move into the garage, details of move-in dates and access will be provided to all employees.



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