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AMPLE PARKING AVAILABLE IN LOWERTOWN DURING LAFAYETTE BRIDGE AND UNION DEPOT CONSTRUCTION

SAINT PAUL, MN (January 18) - Several major construction projects planned for Saint Paul's Lowertown neighborhood over the next several years will have an impact on parking options beginning January 2011. Construction on the Lafayette Bridge just started in January and Union Depot will break ground on January 18, 2011. The construction will require some parking ramps to close temporarily.

"While on-street parking is not increasing, there is plenty of structured parking in Lowertown" said Dave Thune, Saint Paul City Councilmember for Ward Two. "Both residents and visitors should take a look at Smart Trips to identify not only parking but all sorts of transportation solutions."

"We're encouraging everyone affected by construction to take this as an opportunity to explore all their options for getting around," said Jessica Treat, Executive Director of local non-profit Saint Paul Smart Trips. "For instance, try taking transit in the winter and catching up on your reading or getting some exercise by biking in the spring. Contact us if you need help planning your trip. We're here to help!"

The City of Saint Paul and Smart Trips compiled a list of parking locations affected by the construction and alternative parking options, along with suggestions for business owners and parkers. Please visit www.smart-trips.org or contact the appropriate parking management for more information.

"As part of our <u>Create A Spot For Business</u> downtown parking initiative, the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce is happy to support the City of Saint Paul and Saint Paul Smart Trips in their effort to help businesses, employees, customers and residents identify and communicate alternative parking options as new construction affects normal routines. We encourage everyone to follow @SpotForBusiness for the latest news and updates" said Zach Schwartz, Transportation Manager, Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce.

Business Owners:

- Notify employees and customers of parking changes and communicate alternative parking options.
- Post this information on your website, social media, and in your newsletters.
- Sign up for the Lowertown Parking Ramp Validation Program, a program that offers free parking to your customers on evenings and weekends.

Employees, Residents, and Visitors:

- Determine if the lot/ramp you park in will be affected.
- Seek out alternative parking from the list below or on www.smart-trips.org

Resources

- Visit Smart Trips for updated parking rates and to explore options for getting around Saint Paul: www.smart-trips.org/parking
- Learn about and sign your business up for the Lowertown Parking Validation Program: http://stpaul.gov/index.aspx?nid=4000
- Lafayette Bridge construction information: http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy52-stpaul/
- Union Depot construction information: http://www.regionalrail.org/depot.html
- City of Saint Paul parking website: https://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?nid=4000

Parking ramps affected by Lafayette Bridge & Union Depot construction:



Map#	Ramp Name	Location	Operator	Phone	Status
56	Union Depot Garage	N Sibley & 2 nd St	Central	612-340-9025	Allowing
					current
					contract
					parkers
57	Lot 16	Sibley & Shepard Rd.	Premier	651-552-8080	Closed
67	Post Office Ramp	Kellogg & Broadway St.	TransPark	651-227-6900	Closed
69	Dart 1 (only)	Prince St. & John	Keefe Co.	763-577-0975	Closed
			Parking		
70	Fringe Lots (C/upper lot	South of Kellogg Blvd. &	Central	612-340-9025	Accepting
	only) (aka Conseco/Kellogg	East of Broadway			some
	Broadway Upper)				contracts

For more information contact the operator directly.

Alternative Lowertown Parking Locations During Lafayette Bridge and Union Depot Construction



Map #	Ramp Name	Location	Operator	Phone	First Hour	Daily	Monthly	Accepting Contracts?
46	Lowertown Ramp	Jackson & Kellogg	Victory	651-222- 7371	\$4.00	\$7.00	\$115.00	Yes, in spring 2011
55	Sibley Square at Mears	4 th & Sibley	Allied Parking	651-293- 1874	\$4.00	\$7.50	\$130.00	Yes
59	8th and Wacouta	8th and Wacouta	Interstate Parking	612-375- 1301	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$80.00	Yes
61	Kat Lot	265 E 7th St	Interstate Parking	612-375- 1301	\$4.50	\$4.50	n/a	No
62	Lowertown Business Center Ramp	E. 6 th & Wall	E Park, Inc.	651-645- 7151	n/a	\$3.00	\$75.00	Yes
63	5 th & Wall Ramp	5 th & Wall	Impark	612-341- 8000	n/a	n/a	\$69.55	Yes
65	#33 Lot (Crane Lot)	E. 6 th & Wall	Interstate Parking	612-375- 1301	n/a	\$4.00	n/a	No
66	Farmers Market lot	E. 5 th , Broadway, E.4 th , Wall	Growers Assoc.	651-227- 8101	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$75.00	Yes
68	Trans Park North	Broadway & E. 5 th	Trans Park	651-227- 6900	n/a	\$2.50	\$45.00	Yes
68	Trans Park South	Broadway & Prince	Trans Park	651-227- 6900	n/a	\$2.00	\$39.00	Yes
69	Dart 2	Prince & John	Keefe Parking	651-291- 1981	n/a	\$1.25	\$25.00	Yes
Not shown	Water & Starkey lot	Wabasha & Water	Trans Park	651-227- 6900	n/a	\$1.75	\$32.00	Yes