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**Lexington Parking Authority Announces Re-opening of Parking Garage**

The \$3.1 million restoration project of the Main Street Annex Parking Garage is nearing completion and will be on-time and under budget. The Parking Authority announced today that it will re-open the garage on Monday, May 6th.

"We appreciate everyone's patience during this project which has extended the life of the parking facility and made it much safer and more convenient," said Board Chair James H. Frazier III, Managing Partner at McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie & Kirkland, PLLC.

Over 80 truckloads of concrete and 48 tons of steel have gone into the project. The garage will feature an upgraded lighting system, new interior signage and painting in the stairwell and elevator lobbies. It will also have a new entry and exit system which features recyclable tokens rather than paper tickets and a real time space count system that will be display parking information at the entrances of the garage.

The space count information will also be available on the new ParkMe app, which publishes information on all downtown public parking areas, but will provide available space counts in real time for garages owned by the Parking Authority.

In addition to the structural upgrades is a stylistic upgrade: the garage formerly known as the Annex Garage will now be called "The Helix", named after the circular exit ramp.

"The temporary shoring posts and beams have all been removed and the helix exit ramp has been completely restored, said Parking Authority Executive Director Gary Means. "We felt naming the garage The Helix was a great way to emphasize this iconic image and bring attention to it"

The goal of the Parking Authority, which was created by the Urban County Council in 2006, is to provide, maintain and operate adequate, high-quality, customer-focused public parking and encourage economic growth.

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