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Parking garage to re-open May 6 with a new name

The \$3.1 million restoration project of the Main Street Annex Parking Garage – now the Helix Garage – is nearing completion and will reopen May 6, on-time and under budget.

“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 Parking Authority Board Chair James H. Frazier III, a local attorney.

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 fresh paint in the stairwells and elevator lobbies.

“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. The rehabilitation of the garage was originally expected to cost \$3,175,363. Actual cost is projected to be \$100,000 under budget.

"Changing the garage name to The Helix because of its circular exit ramp will make the garage more identifiable," Means said.

The garage will also have a new entry and exit system that features recyclable tokens, rather than paper tickets. Open space counts will be displayed in real time at the entrances.

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.

The reopening of the Helix Garage under the ownership of the Lexington Parking Authority will mean changes to parking ticket validation policies. The Lexington Division of Police and the Fayette County Clerk's office will no longer validate parking tickets. However, citizens who visit the Government Center at 200 E. Main St. or the Phoenix Building at 101 E. Vine St. can receive a 50% off validation.

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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