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**DOWNTOWN BERKELEY IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS
DURING CENTER ST GARAGE RECONSTRUCTION**
Plenty of daytime and evening replacement parking

(Berkeley, CA) — The City of Berkeley has announced the Center Street Garage is closing for reconstruction on June 30. The new garage opening in the Fall of 2017 will be a tremendous boost to the Downtown: increasing parking capacity by over 60% from 440 to 720 spaces, adding a 300 space bike station and attended bathrooms, and making entry/exit and movement between floors much easier. See below chart for comparison.

The DBA and the City have been working with local parking managers to make sure that Downtown Berkeley is open for business during reconstruction with adequate replacement parking. With construction the public is losing 390 spaces (40 of the current 440 are used for the City fleet.) The City and DBA have secured 406 daytime and 693 evening/weekend additional parking spaces in or near the Downtown during reconstruction, by adding stacked parking, extending hours, and accessing unused spaces in a number of garages. (See chart below). The DBA is also providing a map and directory of these resources at: www.downtownberkeley.com/transit-parking-map. The Parking Maps/Directory will be available at the construction site also. Visitors can also readily find parking resources via the [ParkMe](#) smartphone application.

According to John Caner, CEO of Downtown Berkeley Association, “We are delighted to have the City commence construction on this new larger capacity state-of-the-art garage to meet the growing needs of our revitalized Downtown. And we have worked hard with the City to secure additional parking during the reconstruction period to insure the Downtown remains open for business.”

About the Downtown Berkeley Association

Downtown Berkeley Association is a nonprofit membership organization and the Owner’s Association for Downtown Berkeley’s Property-Based Business Improvement District (PBID), representing 187 property owners and approximately 680 of their merchant and business tenants in a 24-block area of Downtown Berkeley. Visit downtownberkeley.com for more information, or follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

Center St Garage Rebuild (July ‘16-Fall ‘17)

	CURRENT GARAGE	NEW GARAGE (July ‘17)
Spaces	440	720
Ramps	Single Helix	Double Helix
Exit/Entrance Lanes	4	6 (variable)
Car Charging	4	19
Seismically Safe	No	Yes
Attended Bike Station	No	Yes
Attended Restrooms	No	Yes
Solar Panels	No	Yes



Additional Parking Supply

Parking Garage/Lot	Day	Night/ Weekend	Date Available
Allston Garage Stacked	150	150	July 1
Kittredge Garage Stacked	50	50	July 1
Oxford & Berkeley Way Stacked	45		July 1
Equity Residential Parking	25*	25*	Now
Telegraph-Channing Garage	100	100	Now
Durant & Center Angled Parking	36	36	TBD
Promenade Garage		122	July 1
Golden Bear Center Surface Lot		60	Now
Golden Bear Garage		150	Sept 10
TOTAL ADDITIONAL PARKING	406	693	

* Monthly Parkers Only

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