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CCDC automates downtown Boise parking garages

BOISE, Idaho (March 25, 2014) — Capital City Development Corp. is installing a new automated payment system in the Downtown Public Parking System's half-dozen garages that will make parking in downtown Boise faster and easier.

The upgrades are essential, according to CCDC parking and facilities director Max Clark. "The equipment is antiquated and replacement parts are no longer available," he says. "As good stewards of public funds, CCDC has been able to stave off the inevitable replacement of this equipment for quite some time. But the time has come."

The new auto-pay systems will make parking in the Downtown Public Parking System's garages faster, greener, and more accessible. "People using the downtown parking garages should experience shorter wait times when exiting," Clark says. "Faster exit times mean fewer idling cars, improving air quality in the garages and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Plus, the new kiosks go into sleep mode when they're not in use, so they consume less power. Best of all, the automated system will let us keep the garages open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, all year long."

New payment processes similar to those at the Boise Airport's new parking garage will accompany the downtown garages' new, automated pay stations.

Like in the past, motorists will pull a ticket from the terminal at the gate as they enter the garage. "But now you need to take your ticket with you after parking and locking your vehicle," Clark says. "And now you have to pay for your parking BEFORE returning to your car."

The first hour of parking will still be free, and parking ambassadors will be available in the garages to assist customers with the new process. The pay stations will be conveniently located near the ground floor elevators — except for at the Boulevard Garage, where the pay station will be installed on the garage level, because the entire facility is underground.

Once they've paid for parking, motorists should return promptly to their vehicle and exit the facility. "Make sure you take your paid ticket with you back to your car, because you'll need it to exit the garage," Clark underscores. "When you reach the exit, you'll have to insert your pre-paid ticket into the exit terminal to get the gate to lift."

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The Downtown Public Parking System garages getting upgrades include the Eastman Garage at Ninth and Main, the City Centre Garage at Ninth and Front, the Grove Street Garage at Tenth and Grove, the Capitol Terrace Garage at Eighth and Main, the Myrtle Street Garage at Capitol and Myrtle, and the Boulevard Garage on Capitol underneath the Grove Hotel.

The Eastman Garage's automated payment system was installed in February, and the City Centre Garage's new system went live earlier this month. The Downtown Public Parking System will convert the four remaining parking garages in April.

The redevelopment authority for Boise, Idaho, Capital City Development Corp. is an independent public agency that serves as a catalyst for quality private development through urban design, economic development, and infrastructure investment. CCDc invests public funds in business districts and neighborhoods needing economic development and revitalization to ensure these areas become great places for people to live, work, and shop, allowing the whole community to prosper. The Boise City Council formed the agency in 1965 under the provisions of Idaho Code Title 50, Chapter 20. Visit www.ccdcboise.com for more details.

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