

THE PLAN

We are committed to minimizing the inconveniences and discomforts of our customers during the project. To that end we will keep you informed of the areas of the garage that are affected by the project at any given time and those areas of the garage will be clearly marked. We will work with the contractors to keep dust, dirt, noise and delays to the minimum possible over the project life. If it is necessary to close the garage we will do our best to find our customers the most convenient parking possible. Updates on the project will be sent to monthly/annual customers with their periodic billing statements. The same information will be handed out by the cashiers at certain times of the month and the information will be available in all city garages, city buildings and City Hall. The information will be posted on the City website at www.yorkcity.org in the parking section and sometimes on the main page. There will be periodic press releases to have the information disseminated by the local news media. We will also provide information to downtown organizations. If you want to receive email updates on the project send your email information to newgarage@yorkcity.org.

With your patience and understanding we will transform the Market Street Garage to a facility that will please the eye and that will be safe and convenient and pleasant to use.

If you have any questions you can call 717-849-7026 or email to newgarage@yorkcity.org.

Sincerely,

The City of York General Authority

THE FUTURE OF:

The Market Street Garage



THE BACKGROUND

The Market Street Garage (MSG) is over forty years old and is the oldest parking garage in the City of York. In 2003 the City of York General Authority, the owner of the MSG, retained internationally renowned parking experts Carl Walker to perform an in depth condition and length of life analysis of the structure. Carl Walker concluded that the MSG structure is sound and that with some renovation and repair it will serve the parking needs of the public for decades to come. The City of York General Authority has commenced a major renovation of the MSG. The following information is to provide customers and the public with information about the project to help you plan for parking and to minimize any inconvenience.

THE PROJECT

The renovation project is comprehensive and will include repairs to the structure, reconfiguration of entrance and exit ramps and traffic flow, new bright lighting within the garage, new elevator and stair towers, additional stair tower, new ventilation equipment and systems, new operations features and security enhancements, and a new façade. When the renovation is complete the MSG will feel, operate and look, like a new parking garage. With the addition of a gated entrance/exit at the rear of the building to serve the lower levels and changes in the configuration of the entrance and exit ramps on Market Street, getting in and out of the garages will be quicker and easier. New and improved lighting, moving the elevator and stair tower to the front of the building and enclosing them in glass, and the addition of some surveillance equipment will contribute to a greater sense of safety as will the addition of a stair tower at the north end of the structure where one does not yet exist. Finally, a complete makeover of the façade will replace what has come to be viewed as a monolithic eyesore with Murphy and Dittenhafer's artfully designed face of brick, concrete, glass and metal that reflects a balanced vision of York's past, present and future.

THE TIMELINE

The project is slated to begin in September 2008 and to run about nine months. Carl Walker and Murphy & Dittenhafer are working with the regulatory agents on the issuance of the required permits. On June 19, 2008 the CYGA board gave the green light to the team to complete the design work and the construction documents with an eye toward a construction start date of September 2008. These dates and project lengths are estimates and updated information will be provided as the project develops.

THE INCONVENIENCE

With any renovation project of this scope and magnitude there is bound to be some inconvenience for our customers. Loss of some parking spaces at certain phases of the project can be expected over the course of the project. It is also likely that for about three weeks toward the end of the project the Garage may be closed entirely.