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## News Release

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### Downtown Parking Garage Community Visioning Session January 25

- What:** New Downtown Durham Parking Garage Community Visioning Session
- Who:** City of Durham General Services and Transportation Departments and the Durham City-County Planning Department
- When:** Wednesday, January 25, 2017, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Where:** Durham Armory  
220 Foster Street  
Durham, N.C. 27701

**Fast Facts:**

- Construction of a new downtown parking garage is set to begin later this year and the City of Durham wants resident and stakeholder input now as it begins the design process.
- The \$23 million project, to be located on a 1.2 acre site bounded by Rigsbee Avenue, West Morgan Street and North Mangum Street, will be a mixed-use parking deck with approximately 750-800 parking spaces. The garage will also contain 15,000-20,000 square feet of commercial/retail space and 5,000 square feet for a centralized parking office. The project is anticipated to be under construction in fall 2017, with a completion date in late 2018.

- As the City's General Services Department prepares to begin the design process, staff is seeking community input, thoughts, and ideas for the project and site. The discussion at the community visioning session will include topics such as:
  - Architectural expression – “gateway” into downtown
  - Activation along Morgan Street
  - Pedestrian experience
  - Site and neighborhood
  - Landscape
  - Future retail and development
  - Connectivity to downtown
  - Security of the facility
  - Parking
  - Site history
- The new garage is necessary due to an unprecedented demand for parking in City-owned public parking facilities. The City's off-street parking garages (Chapel Hill Street Garage, Church Street Garage, Corcoran Street Garage, and the Durham Centre Garage) are at capacity for monthly permit holders. As a result, the City is not able to accommodate requests for monthly parking permits from individuals or businesses.
- For residents and stakeholders unable to attend the community visioning session, updates throughout the course of the project will be available on the City's [project Web page](#).
- Any person with a disability may receive an auxiliary aid or service to effectively participate in this session by contacting the City's ADA Coordinator at (919) 560-4197 or by [email](#) no later than 48 hours before the meeting.
- Questions may also be directed to General Services Project Management Team Leader and Project Manager [Henri Prospero](#) at (919) 560-4197, ext. 21253.

### **About the City of Durham General Services Department**

The [General Services Department](#) creates, manages and maintains City properties to provide best value to the Durham community. The core business functions include:

Administration/Business Services, Facilities Operations, Landscape Services, Urban Forestry,

Real Estate, Project Management, Cemeteries, and Keep Durham Beautiful. As guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), General Services serves as a steward of the City's physical and environmental assets. Through annual and long-range facility planning activities, the department plans, provides, and maintains the City's facilities infrastructure, which supports the community's quality of life and serves as a foundation of a healthy economy.

### **About the City of Durham Transportation Department**

The [Transportation Department](#) is responsible for a broad range of transportation services, which include traffic signs and signals, transportation planning, [parking operations](#), street lighting, taxicab administration, and bicycle and pedestrian planning. The department also oversees [GoDurham](#) and [GoDurham ACCESS](#) as well as leads planning functions for the [Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization \(DCHC MPO\), which is the regional organization that is responsible for planning and programming state and federal transportation projects in the urbanized areas of Durham, Orange, and Chatham counties](#). Guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), the department helps to strengthen the foundation, enhance the value, and improve the quality and sustainability of neighborhoods that are necessary for a strong and diverse community.

### **About the Durham City-County Planning Department**

The [Durham City-County Planning Department](#) is the planning agency for the City and County of Durham. The department works with the community to develop long-range and special area plans containing policies to direct growth. Guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), the department helps to make Durham a great place to live, work, and play by working to create a strong and diverse economy, and thriving and livable neighborhoods.

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