

## **Lot 43 move questions**

Last week Parking and Transportation notified a number of University employees that they were to be moved out of Lot 43 in order to make way for several large projects that are the direct result of the upcoming construction of the UIHC Children's Hospital. These include the new Transportation Center and a new Indoor Practice Facility for Athletics. Both projects start in October and will lead to the demolition of nearly 45% of the existing parking around Kinnick Stadium.

### **Why did you use seniority as the basis for the decision?**

Given the high utilization of Lot 43, it was clear that Parking and Transportation needed to displace more than 650, out of the approximately 1,500, current permit-holders. As Lot 43 is one of the most desired surface parking facilities serving the UI Hospitals and Clinics, it holds many staff with considerable seniority. The most senior employees assigned to Lot 43 have UI start dates from the mid-1960's. In order to reach the total required number of vacated spaces, we had to reach back to 1987 start dates.

### **Was any other criteria used for deciding who would be moved?**

Parking and Transportation does not make any distinction between Merit or Professional/Scientific staff classifications in making parking assignments. Other than those with disabilities, seniority was the only other criteria used in determining which staff to move.

### **Why didn't you give us more notice for such a major disruption?**

Construction schedules can be somewhat flexible and weather-dependent. In this case, the projects preceding this phase of work were finished more quickly than anticipated. The faster we are able to move, the more quickly the projects will be finished. Again, we truly recognize the negative personal impact this situation may have and apologize for the need to move forward quickly.

### **Is this project really starting on Monday, October 17? Will we really have to move then?**

Parking and Transportation is moving quickly to re-assign permit-holders from Lot 43. Wednesday, October 12 was the last day for staff to submit their requests. New assignments will be made on Friday, October 14. Site work for the new indoor practice facility will begin on Monday, October 17.

### **Will we really be displaced for two years?**

As noted above, construction schedules can be somewhat unpredictable. Our best estimate is that displacement could last up to two years.

### **Will I be able to return to Lot 43?**

When Lot 43 is reconstructed, it will have similar capacity to what it has now, allowing those displaced by the projects to be returned. If any capacity opens up within Lot 43 during the projects, Parking and Transportation will make staff re-assignments to the lot based on seniority, giving preference and "right of first refusal" for any space that may become available. We expect those opportunities to be limited.

### **What happens if I go on the waiting list for other Lots?**

Staff may also place their name on the waiting list(s) for any other lot(s) they are eligible for, accept an assignment to those lots, and still be returned to Lot 43 when the project is completed, if they choose to do so.

### **Is this move really related to the construction of the new UI Children's Hospital?**

The impact of the UI Children's Hospital project will be substantial, displacing the CAMBUS stop at Hospital Ramp 2, demolishing the Parking Operations offices within Hospital Ramp 2, and requiring the displacement of all current Hospital Ramp 2 entry and exit lanes. The entry and exit lanes will be moved to the east and west sides of the ramp, along the west face of the Colloton and Pappajohn Pavilions. Numerous and substantial relocations of underground utilities will also be completed, which has led to the closing of Spline Road.

The CAMBUS stop at Hospital Ramp 2 is a center for employee access to the Hospital, supporting more than 400 bus departures each day and providing more than 4,000 rides for employees who park in peripheral parking lots. Lot 43 was the only viable, and available, alternate location for this transportation hub. The West Campus Transportation Center will become the new CAMBUS stop, providing a large indoor waiting area that will be connected to the UI Hospitals and Clinics via an enclosed pedestrian skyway, providing a safe and comfortable way to cross Hawkins Drive.

To create the new West Campus Transportation Center, the Athletic Department's Indoor Practice facility must be relocated from its current site (the bubble) to the west side of the Recreation Building, opening up the bubble's site for parking expansion.

At the end of these projects (demolishing the existing practice facility, constructing the new practice facility and building the West Campus Transportation Center) in about two years, a larger percentage of Lot 43 will be closer to the Hospital. This work also will clear the way for a new roadway, north onto Hawkins Drive, improving entry and exiting for Lot 43.

### **What if I have other questions?**

Contact the Parking Office at 335-1475 Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Thank you:** The Children's Hospital is one of the largest construction projects undertaken on the campus. Its overall impact will be far reaching and long lasting. The Lot 43 move is just one of several possible ways it might affect parking or access to the Hospital. We recognize the considerable inconvenience it may represent to employees who park nearby, but it also symbolizes the UI Health Care's commitment to the growth and development of its mission as the state's only comprehensive academic medical center. We thank you for working with us to make this possible.