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Steve Noonan of Catellus Corp., Metro General Services Director Brian Soto and Jessica Velarde of Five Star Parking discuss the opening, Monday, of the P-4 parking level.



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P-4 Level of Parking Structure Opens to the Public on Monday

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(Aug. 13, 2004) Having parking woes at Gateway? Help is on the way.

Parking level 4 of the Gateway Center parking structure will reopen, Monday, Aug. 16, to accommodate 200 vehicles in a 70,000 square-foot area.

Parking level 4 was opened for a short time after the Gateway Center was built in 1995. It later was closed to the public to save energy and maintenance costs.

More traffic began to come into the parking structure when the Union Station parking lot was closed for construction of new buildings and AMTRAK and Federal Bureau of Prison employees needed a place to park.

Brian Soto, director of General Services, is excited about the opening of P-4. "This will assist people who are experiencing difficulties with finding parking spaces."

P-4 parkers should use the southwest elevator to reach the East Portal and the Plaza level of Gateway Transit Center.

Due to the construction on the Plaza level, the main entrance and exit to the parking structure currently are closed. The North Vignes, Cesar Chavez and helical entrances and exits to the parking structure remain

in use.

Portions of P-4 will continue to be used as storage space. The north side of that level, however, will remain closed to the public due to minor construction needed to eliminate non-hazardous sulfur that is seeping between the cement and the ground.

The construction and storage areas will be roped off to prohibit use of that area.

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