



University of Virginia

PARKING GARAGE

Executive Summary

As the Ivy Corridor is fully redeveloped, the 1,250-car Emmet Ivy Parking Garage, currently utilized by commuters, residents, transient parkers, and event patrons, will be needed to support facilities and operations within the Ivy Corridor. The University Hotel and Conference Center will soon begin construction joining the School of Data Science that began in Spring 2022. The Karsh Institute of Democracy and the Center for the Arts are in preliminary planning phases. The current parking inventory displaced by the Ivy Corridor redevelopment must be met in a location that serves multiple constituencies and links effectively to transit. The proposed parking garage will be effectively shared by daily commuters and patrons to athletic and other University events. Conceptual designs ensure that the inventory can be effectively supported by transit.

Project Background

The 2019 Parking and Transportation (P&T) Master Plan projected a near-term parking inventory shortfall associated with increased demand due to growth and reduced parking supply due to various capital projects. The study recommended strategies to reduce demand, and also recommended building additional parking to address the inventory gap, specifically in North Grounds. While many of the demand reduction strategies have been implemented and are effective, parking demand associated with certain populations – e.g., employees working on Grounds and event patrons – has remained steady through the pandemic and is projected to increase. Fortunately, these are two parking demand constituencies that can effectively share the same parking inventory.

Building on the findings of the 2017 North Grounds Planning study and the 2019 P&T Master Plan, the University embarked on another study in 2021 to explore parking options, including both surface-lot alternatives and garages, that would add between 390 and 1,030 net new parking spaces to the parking system and create inventories that could be shared by commuters and event patrons.

The steering committee, which included representatives from the Office of the Architect for the University, Facilities Management, Athletics, UVA Health, Parking and Transportation, and Business Operations, recommends construction of a new facility that:

- Adds 1,000+ net new parking spaces;
- Does not disrupt current commuter or event operations;
- Is capable of being effectively shared by various constituencies; and
- Can be effectively served by transit operations.

Proposed Timeframes

Planning/Design: Summer 2023
Construction: Spring 2024
Expected Completion: Fall 2025

Financial Information

Estimated project cost: \$54.0M
Fund sources: TBD