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New Parking Availability System Installed in Two Silver Spring Garages: Provides Information on Number of Spaces Available Before Entering Garages

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The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) Division of Parking Management has installed a parking space availability system in the Wayne Avenue and Town Square parking garages in Silver Spring. MCDOT is using the latest technology to wirelessly track the number of available parking spaces on each garage level and display the information outside every entrance and on each floor.

"MCDOT's Division of Parking Management is constantly innovating to bring greater convenience to our customers' parking experiences," said MCDOT Acting Director Al Roshdieh. "We are taking advantage of rapidly changing technological improvements to enhance the efficiency of our operations and boost ease of use for parkers. A parking availability system has the added benefit of improving air quality by reducing unnecessary driving time for cars searching for an open space."

The Wayne Avenue Garage (921 Wayne Avenue) has 1,740 spaces and the Town Square Garage (801 Ellsworth Drive) has 1,265 spaces. The recently opened Capital Crescent Garage, at the intersection of Woodmont and Bethesda avenues in Bethesda, uses the same technology to track parking space availability. MCDOT is currently planning to install a similar vehicle counting system in the Cameron Street Garage in Silver Spring later this year.

The car counting system uses sensors that transmit real time parking space availability to garage signs. When the garage reaches capacity, the signs will show the word "Full."

The Bethesda Avenue/Elm Street Garage, at 4841 Bethesda Avenue, was the first County garage to use the wireless technology. The County's dataMontgomery website displays real time parking availability information for the Bethesda/Elm Garage and will soon include data for the Wayne Avenue, Town Square and Capital Crescent garages.

More information on parking in Montgomery County's public lots and garages is available online.

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