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Central Avenue Parking Ramp Open

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The Central Avenue Parking Ramp at 10th and Central streets was dedicated in an official ribbon cutting ceremony today, Tuesday, Aug. 16. The ramp contains 477 parking spaces on seven levels and was built to support and encourage continued development in downtown Dubuque.

The Central Avenue Parking Ramp was designed with sustainability in mind. The ramp was built on an existing municipal parking lot. It has a “smart” lighting system which monitors each level and only activates lighting when motion sensors detect movement, resulting in significant energy savings. There are six parking spaces with electrical outlets to charge hybrid and electric vehicles with the ability to add more as needed. The ramp also features storage space for 60 bicycles for biking commuters and others who wish to ride a bike to downtown Dubuque.

The landscaped areas around the parking ramp function as rain gardens, filtering stormwater before allowing it to soak into the ground, rather than diverting to the storm sewer system.

Public safety was also important in the design of the facility and there are 65 security cameras located throughout the ramp as well as fourteen 9-1-1 emergency kiosks.

Of the ramps’ 477 spaces, 150 are currently reserved for transient, or daily, customers and the remainder can be leased for \$52 per month. To lease a parking space or for more information, contact the City of Dubuque’s Parking Department at 589-4267.

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