



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Roosevelt Weeks, Director, Austin Public Library *RW*

DATE: March 6, 2018

SUBJECT: Central Library Parking

The purpose of this memo is to provide information on the solution to the parking challenges at the Central Library. The new Central Library opened to the public on October 28, 2017 and has been a huge success with the public. We average approximately 100,000 visitors per month and the numbers are still growing.

The major concern voiced by library customers is the lack of available parking. We have 140 parking spaces for the public and 60 parking spaces for staff. Our business hours start at 10:00 a.m. weekdays and by this time, our parking garage is completely full due to non-library users parking in the garage and visiting other locations. Currently, the parking garage is open to the public at all times (7 days a week; 24 hours a day).

To make parking available to library customers, we are going to open parking to the public starting at 9:30 a.m., effective March 12, 2018. We will post notices of this change at the entrance of the garage and at the pull station. The notices will be posted today, March 6, 2018, to allow non-library users to find alternative parking.

We believe making this small change will allow more library customers to park and visit the library. Please note that after 9:30 a.m., parking will be on a first come - first serve basis.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office at 512-974-7444.

CC: Spencer Cronk, City Manager
Sara L. Hensley, Interim Assistant City Manager