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### **Downtown Racine Parking Ramps to Undergo Routine Maintenance Beginning June 4**

An aggressive program to prolong the life of the City of Racine's downtown parking ramps is scheduled to begin Monday, June 4, with work starting on the Shoop Parking Ramp at the corner of Main and State Streets.

Joint caulking, some surface sealing and cosmetic repairs are scheduled to begin on the upper level of the Shoop ramp and proceed downward over the four week project. No more than 30 stalls will be taken out of service for the 215 stall ramp at any one time during the project.

Crews are scheduled to normally work Mondays through Thursdays between the hours of 7AM and 5PM and will be responsible for controlling construction dust as best as possible. Ramps will generally not undergo work on weekends but construction equipment may cause some reduction in available spaces on weekends.

Four of the five Racine downtown parking ramps will undergo routine maintenance in June, July and August with the centrally located Lake Avenue Ramp left unaffected by the 2012 project in an effort to not negatively impact downtown parking capacity during the busy summer season.

Regular users of the Shoop, Civic Center, Gaslight and McMynn parking ramps may be forced to park in stalls that they do not normally use during the project. At each ramp work will begin on the top level and progress down to the lower levels.

The Shoop Ramp project is expected to last through June. From there crews are scheduled to begin work on the Civic Center and McMynn ramps in the first three weeks of July. No more than 100 spaces will be out of use at any given time in the 409 space Civic Center Ramp and no more than 40 at one time in the 236 space McMynn Ramp. Monthly parking space renters at the Civic Center and McMynn Ramps will be offered alternative parking options during construction.

The Gaslight Point Ramp adjacent to the Radisson Hotel at 25 Gaslight Drive is scheduled to be worked on between mid July and mid-August. No more than 150 spaces in the 310 space Gaslight Point Ramp will be out of use at any given time.

Questions about the project can be directed to the City of Racine Parking Utility @ 262-636-9166. The \$533,533 dollar total project came in over \$116,000 under engineer's projected costs because of the efficiencies of scale gained by bundling the four projects together as opposed to doing each in separate years. The cost of the project will come out of Parking Utility revenues and not out of City of Racine property tax revenues.