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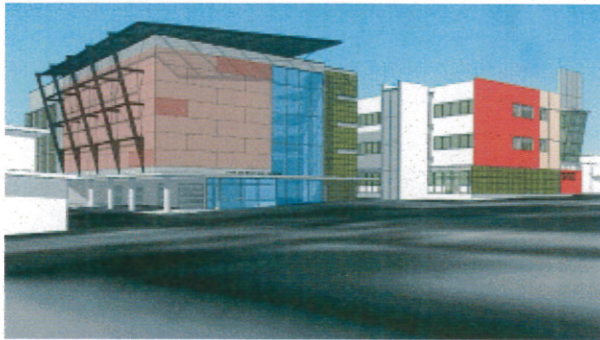
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WeHo Seeks Input on City's Automated Garage

By Adam Popescu, 10/20/2011

Public Comment Period Runs Through Nov. 10

Valet services without the valet. Park, swipe, leave. That's the plan for the new West Hollywood City Hall Automated Garage and Community Plaza Project now entering in its 21-day public comment period.



A rendering has been made available of the new automated parking garage at West Hollywood City Hall. (photo courtesy of city of West Hollywood)

But whether or not this project is a veritable drive-through or destined to be stuck in traffic remains to be seen. The Automated Parking Design Steering Committee meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 27 has been cancelled due to a lack of quorum, and moved to Thursday, Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at West Hollywood City Hall's Community Conference Room. When the public review period ends Nov. 10, the planning commission is expected to make a determination regarding compliance with the city's general plan on Nov. 17.

The project's automated parking service is slated to accommodate 200 cars — which will be parked door-to-door and bumper-to-bumper. Utilizing computer-controlled lifts, conveyors and shuttles, vehicles will be transported to and from the entrance to a parking space in 90 seconds — all without human assistance. Should the Unitronics-built project be approved, it will be the first municipal automated parking structure on the West Coast.

On May 2, the West Hollywood City Council unanimously voted to build the automated vehicle and storage retrieval system (AVSRS). As part of that process, an environmental review was conducted, finding no negative impacts. The public review period, now underway, is the next step in approval, giving residents a chance to voice their opinions. AVSRS is budgeted at approximately \$2.6 million, with the entire project slated for about \$13.3 million, director of

public works Oscar Delgado said in May. Funds are derived from the city's parking improvement fund, with revenue generated from the city's parking operations.

City Hall currently offers free, limited outdoor parking, which West Hollywood Mayor John Duran has said will probably continue once the system is operational.

Project documents are available for review at the Community Development Department at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd. For more information, call associate planner Adrian Gallo at (323) 848-6475.