Board of Trustees Approves Revised Parking for Escondido Village

New approach will see development of two underground parking structures near complex

Two new parking structures located near the Escondido Village Graduate Residences Project collectively will provide 1,300 parking spaces.

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Stanford’s Board of Trustees approved the revised design of the Escondido Village Graduate Residences (EVGR) project on Feb. 13, 2017.

One of the new proposals the Trustees considered and approved is a change in parking construction. Previous plans called for one parking structure to be built beneath the EVGR complex. The new approach will instead develop two underground parking structures near the complex.

One structure, to be built beneath Manzanita Field at Serra Street and Campus Drive, will create 950 parking spaces. The other parking structure will be built at the northwest corner of the site, adjacent to Residence Halls C and D on Serra Street, and will provide 350 new spaces. [EVGR Plan Map]

Both structures will be located within a three-to-six-minute walk from the residences in Escondido Village. [Walking Times Map] The capacity and proximity of both garages will make them attractive options for residents.

The change in the construction plans, from one garage to two, will have the following benefits:

- The project could be completed sooner, with one or both garages opening before the residences are complete.
- The new approach will enable more surface parking to be reinstated after project completion.
The project will be able to replant more trees after construction. An underground garage in the original location would have limited the size and number of trees that could be planted.

Consistent with existing policy and the approach used with other garages on Stanford's campus, the new plan facilitates broad campus utilization by placing garages under common spaces rather than residences.

Site preparation is underway currently, with an expected demolition start date in late spring beginning with unoccupied buildings, as reported in the Stanford Report.

Estimated timeline for parking impacts:

- Parking impacts adjacent to the unoccupied buildings are anticipated to start in April 2017 during the demolition phase.
- Construction is slated to begin November 2017 around occupied buildings. At which time, residents in these buildings can expect greater parking impacts due to phased lot closures.
- The Department of Project Management anticipates that construction will be completed by September 2020.

P&TS Responds to Resident Comments

We have updated our “How is P&TS responding?” page to address the concerns raised at the recent EVGR community meeting. Regular updates are available on the P&TS website about this project, including a FAQ page.

When construction begins, Parking & Transportation Services (P&TS) will be taking steps to mitigate parking impacts. At least 10 loading zones will be established to ease the process of loading and unloading items for residents, particularly those with young children.

Some parking spaces around Escondido Village will be changing from Commuter ('C' permit) spaces to 'ES' spaces for Escondido Village residents. P&TS also arranged for trailers located in the Cowell Lot to be moved and parking to be converted from 'EA'/ES'/C' to 'ES'-only permits, creating 50 additional 'ES'-permit spaces.

Alternatives to Having a Car on Campus

P&TS recommends that residents consider not bringing a car to campus. The department will be providing incentives to car-free residents to encourage alternative modes of transportation, including driving credit for Zipcar, Uber, and Lyft services, and free membership to an online delivery service.

Once completed, the Escondido Village Graduate Residences project will provide more than 2,400 beds for graduate students. These new residences will increase affordable on-campus housing options for graduate students who face the escalating cost of housing in Silicon Valley.

Stanford has welcomed feedback from graduate students and the campus community throughout this process to help identify the needs of residents and the neighboring community.
For more information, please refer to the following websites:

- [Stanford Residential & Dining Enterprises](#) for updates related to EV housing
- [Department of Project Management](#) for updates related to the EVGR construction project
- [Parking & Transportation Services](#) for updates related to EV parking and transportation

For transportation-related questions or concerns, please contact P&TS at [transportation@stanford.edu](mailto:transportation@stanford.edu).