

Greener Parking

Green Garage Under Construction in Downtown Berkeley



In order to meet current seismic standards and increase the supply of parking downtown, the city of Berkeley, Calif. recently demolished a 420-space garage built in the 1950s.

The new Center Street Garage is currently under construction in the heart of Berkeley's Downtown Arts District.

Garage on Track for Green Certifications

The 720-space garage features were developed to promote sustainable practices. Internal and external wayfinding systems will guide users to available spots quickly. The ground floor will host a bicycle parking and sharing program.

In addition, preferred parking for low-emitting and fuel-efficient vehicles and EV charging stations will be available throughout the facility.

LOCATION:

Berkeley, Calif.

LEVELS:

8

FLOOR AREA:

248,000 square feet

ARCHITECT:

International Parking Design

Facility Constructed of Recycled Materials

The garage was designed to capture environmental benefits for energy efficiency, materials reuse and water conservation. The garage roof houses solar PV panels and a rainwater capture system for landscaping. The structure is designed with recycled and regional materials, and no/low VOC paints and coatings, constructed by workers living in the Berkeley area. ■