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Ann Street Conversion to a One-Way Street

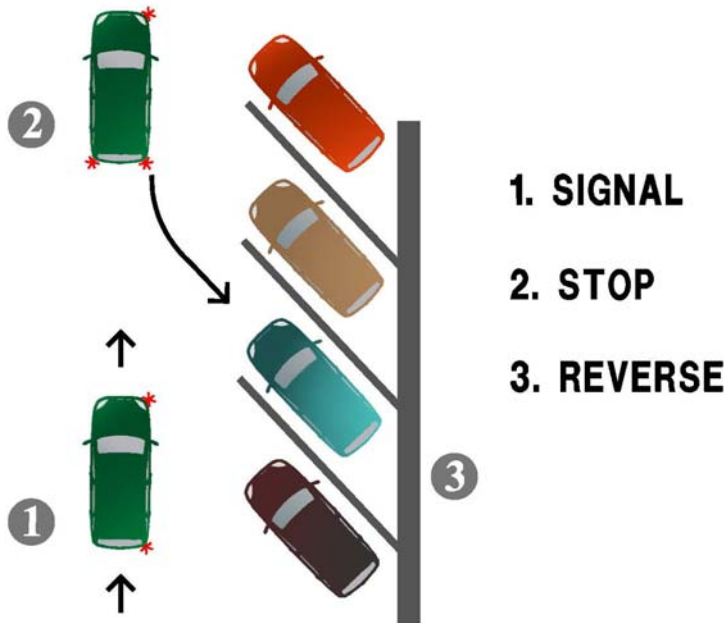
(From N. Fifth Ave to Division St)

ANN ARBOR, Mich., October 21, 2008 — In an anticipation of the new construction at the City Hall lot at 100 N. Fifth Ave and to improve the traffic flow and parking condition on Ann Street from Fifth Ave to Division Street, Ann Street will become a one-way street with eastbound traffic only, on or after November 2, 2008

Ann Street between Fifth Ave. and Division St. will be converted to a one-way street, flowing eastbound only. This change is consistent with the current one-way network system which includes the existing one-way eastbound traffic flow on Ann Street from Division St. to Glen Ave., and the one-way westbound traffic flow on Catherine Street from Glen Ave. to N. Fifth Ave. Considering the very low traffic volume on Ann Street and our analysis indicate that this traffic control change will not have a noticeable impact on the traffic flow or congestion.

In addition to the one-way traffic change, parking spaces will be reconfigured on Ann St. Parallel parking will remain on the north side and back-in angle parking will be added to the south side of Ann Street. Back-in angle parking allows for additional parking and a safe operation. Back in angle parking has shown to be safer in that the exiting maneuver is performed with good driver's vision of oncoming traffic, pedestrians and bicyclists. Ancillary benefits include the ability to load the trunk of the vehicle from the curb and the door positions funnel the exiting passengers towards the curb and the sidewalk, instead of towards the travel portion of the roadway.

BACK-IN ONLY ANGLE PARKING



As shown in the accompanying figure, back in angle parking is accomplished in three steps. Step 1 involves driving past the desired parking space and signaling your intent to turn into the spot (similar to parallel parking). In step 2, you stop your car, assess traffic in your mirrors and prepare to occupy the space. To complete step 3, you back into the spot, which may be an unfamiliar move but is easier than the normal parallel move after practice.

The conversion, weather depending, is slated to take effect on or after November 2, 2008.

Appropriate sign installations,

pavement markings and meter installation will be completed before this date. For more information about the project, please visit the Public Services/Project Management page of the city's Web site at www.a2gov.org. In addition, citizens can visit www.a2gov.org to sign-up to receive e-mail notification updates about the Ann Arbor Municipal Center construction project.

Questions about this traffic control change may be directed to City of Ann Arbor Project Management Services Unit – Patrick Cawley, P.E. at 734.994.6095 / pcawley@a2gov.org

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Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and was named one of the top 25 U.S. cities to live in by CNN/Money Magazine in 2006, as well as the fourth smartest city in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine. The city's mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.