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It's Open. East Side Parking Lot

Two months to the day of its closing, the new East Side Parking Lot has opened. The striping work wrapped up Saturday and traffic barricades were removed Sunday. A "soft" opening occurred today with a surprising number of personnel finding their way to the new lot already.

Here's some things to note:

◎ Customer-friendly #1. Hummer or hybrid—there's room for all kinds. The new lot has Heath's widest spaces. There's 200 s.f. in the typical parking space in the new lot.

◎ Customer-friendly #2. We know that a vast majority of our customers' personnel enjoy walking for health and recreation. This new lot completes a loop of the walking path on campus. The last connection point to complete is between the warehouse sidewalk and the south side walking path. That's coming soon.

◎ Greener. The new lot is environmentally friendly. We've reduced the surface area, improved storm water discharge, increased green space, and commissioned a new motorcycle/bicycle lot that makes it even easier for personnel to commute to work without a car.

◎ Safer. Really at the top of any list, the new lot separates truck traffic, pedestrians, and cars in ways designed to make the lot safer. The lot also eases snow maintenance, promising a chance for a safer car-to-door walk this winter.

The next thing up is the opening of the extended James Parkway. While the opening of the "Made by Licking County Bridge" is still many weeks off, the roadway is nearing a wrap-up point. It's possible the new road could open to The Base and points south before the new bridge opens. Stay tuned.

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A Special Thank You!

The Port Authority wishes to thank its customers for putting up with two full months of cramped quarters on the west side during this phase of the construction project. It's amazing how smoothly this disruption went. We hope the new parking lot is considered a reward worthy of the pain endured.