



Frequently-Asked Questions about Moving the DAS Motor Pool

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- 1. What is the move all about?** The Department of Administrative Services--General Services Enterprise (DAS-GSE) is planning a move that will use about 300 spaces at the top levels of the parking structure. State vehicles will come from two lots at East Seventh Street and Walnut Avenue and East Fifth and Allen Streets. By February 1, vehicles retired from the state fleet and held for quarterly sale to the public and new vehicles received for assignment to state agencies will be moved. In March, approximately 75 Motor Pool vehicles used for trips of up to three weeks will be moved.
- 2. What are the benefits of the move?** The move frees up spaces for the new occupants of the Records and Property Center, once that renovation is complete. Employees returning state vehicles will appreciate the increased security and covered parking for their vehicles while they are using the state car. Vehicles stored at the parking structure will remain cleaner, reducing expenses. The new location will expedite the work of mechanics moving new or auction vehicles from place to place, and make it possible for people with disabilities to view cars during auctions.
- 3. What is current occupancy of the parking structure?** On a daily basis, an average of 300 to 400 of the 891 structure spaces are used. Legislative session, events at the New Iowa Historical Building and other Capitol Complex events create wide fluctuations in this number.
- 4. What costs are involved?** Eliminating the lease at East Fifth and Allen will save \$8,400 per year. The addition of a small office and enclosure of stairwells and a gate at the parking structure will generate one-time costs of about \$40,000.
- 5. Who has been involved in discussion of the move?** At a January 2004 joint meeting, the Capitol Planning Commission and the Iowa Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee endorsed removal of the DAS Motor Pool from its current location as part of the Records and Property Center Renovation. The Capitol Planning Commission was notified of the move at its October 2004 meeting.