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## **Press Release**

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### **Central Library Parking Lot Closure**

The parking lot at the Fresno County Public Library's Central Library is closed for parking lot renovations. The lot is being repaved and will eventually be fenced and unavailable for public use. Safety is of concern as the lot has been heavily used as a thru-street for traffic getting from "N" Street to "O" Street and vice versa, with vehicles traveling at unsafe speeds. There have also been several incidences of vehicles turning around and coming within very close proximity of striking pedestrians and other vehicles. The County Board of Supervisors approved the closure in lieu of these concerns earlier this year.

Additionally, the lot will house County and Library designated vehicles only. The Library requires parking for its fleet and delivery vehicles and offsite parking locations are no longer available. By centralizing the locations of delivery and service vehicles, the Library is striving to help reduce costs and time associated with library materials handling and program delivery.

"This has been an ongoing problem for many years. Staff and library customers, including myself, have had to dodge speeding vehicles, including service trucks for the post office and Fresno Unified School District, as they used the parking lot as a short cut from one street to the other. We tried speed bumps, however people never reduced speed and would fly over them, or dodge around them, narrowly missing parked vehicles and pedestrians, including little children. With other parking areas no longer available for our fleet and service teams, the timing of this project just made sense" said Laurel Prysiazny, County Librarian.

For more information about the improvements and fencing, or any questions related to Library services and facilities, please go to [www.fresnolibrary.org](http://www.fresnolibrary.org) or call Rocky Vang at (559) 600-6274.

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