

The logo features a red swoosh that starts from the left and curves upwards to the right, ending in a small black silhouette of an airplane. Below the swoosh, the words "Ramp Up!" are written in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Underneath that, the word "PARKING" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

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Ford International Airport Relocates Short-Term Lot as of Sept. 22

In preparation for the start of the Terminal Area and Parking Improvement Program, Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GFIA) officials announce that as of September 22, short-term, long-term and handicap parking are available at the following locations:

Short-term parking

- Limited-space, short-term parking is located at the east end of the terminal (look for signs)
- Hourly parking is available in all long-term lots, including the Express Shuttle lot

Long-term parking

- East Lot
- North Lot
- Express Shuttle parking lot located on the north side of Oostema Blvd. (one block east of Patterson Ave.)
- Shuttle service is available to and from all long-term lots

Handicap parking

- A portion of every open lot will be dedicated to handicap parking

GFIA is encouraging airport visitors to consider alternate parking plans, such as:

- curbside airline passenger drop-off and pickup
- Express Shuttle parking, which offers hourly parking rates
- hourly parking in any of the long-term lots
- cell phone parking lot – a limited-space, free parking area for those waiting to pick up arriving passengers

GFIA staff will continually communicate project updates and information through the use of signage, flyers and other materials. Additional information about the project and related parking lot closures may be found at:

- ***Ramp Up!*** – Red directional and advisory signs on airport roadways will assist drivers, airport patrons and the general public in quickly and easily identifying project-related information and instructions.
- **flygrandrapids.org** – Click on the *Ramp Up!* link (an online site that provides up-to-date parking and project information). Visitors may also sign up and receive project-related updates via email.
- **AM 1610** – When arriving in the airport vicinity, tune in for information, including project advisories and instructions, on the airport radio station AM 1610.

GFIA officials expect construction on the project, which will feature a four-story, 4,900-space parking facility, to begin in September. Airport officials will formally break ground on September 26 at a ceremonial kickoff event. The entire project, including the new parking ramp, is scheduled for completion in Fall 2009.

Gerald R. Ford International Airport currently serves more than two million passengers annually. GFIA is the second busiest in Michigan and ranks among the top 15 percent of busiest airports nationwide.

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