

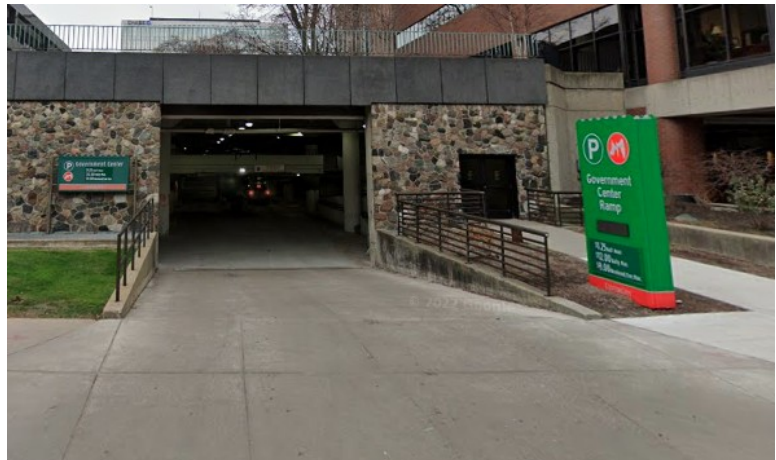
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Government Center Ramp (Last updated July 2024)

300 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503.

The parking lot is a gated public parking ramp. There are two driveway entrances and exits along Monroe Avenue NW, and a driveway entrance and exit along Ottawa Avenue NW.

The Main Entrance on Monroe has push button activated powered swinging double doors. There are two Stairwell Towers on the Vandenberg "Calder" Plaza, on the roof of the parking ramp. These are along Ottawa Avenue, and do not have elevators or power doors. The upper landings of the stairs in these towers are very narrow in front of the doors.



The best way to get to the parking ramp from the surrounding sidewalks is by the Main Entrance along Monroe Avenue, near the crosswalk in front of the DeVos Performance Hall. The driveways along Monroe Avenue have gate arms and have a significant slope leading down into the first level of the parking ramp and cannot be used as an accessible route between the sidewalks and the parking ramp. The Ottawa driveway is very steep, and can be dangerous to move along.

The Parking Ramp can also be accessed from the Grand Rapids City Hall. The accessible entrance inside the City Hall to the parking ramp can be hard to find, as there are several other entrances that have stairs. The best route to the parking ramp through City Hall is by going down the south corridor out of the Lobby. You will come across a power double door, and beyond is the parking ramp with an access ramp leading down to the first level and the designated accessible parking space area of the ramp by the gate ticket booth.

The Main Entrance on Monroe is between the upper and ground levels. There is a large landing with a ramp system that leads down to the ground level, and up to the upper level of the parking ramp. There are landings present along both lengths of the slope. On the ground level, there is another ramp leading down to the lower level of the

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ramp. These ramps are the only accessible route between the upper, ground, and lower levels of the parking ramp.



Vehicles are able to access the different levels of the parking ramp by steep ramps near the north and south ends of the structure. These ramps are very long and cannot be considered an accessible route. Vehicles also move very quickly along the slopes.

There is a bank of designated accessible parking spaces with adjacent access aisles near the SW driveway entrance, near the

gate ticket booth on the ground floor, and near the ramp entrance to City Hall. There are van accessible parking spaces available. There are also designated accessible parking spaces present on the lower and upper level of the garage, near the Main Entrance ramp system in the SW corner of the facility. The lower-level designated accessible parking spaces may be difficult to use, as some have support pillars occupying the adjacent access aisles.

The parking ramp is lit by overhead lighting. The parking striping is well maintained. The parking spaces are standard perpendicular and diagonal spaces. There are EV charging stations present on the upper level of the ramp, near the Ottawa Avenue entrance, and in the lower level of the NW corner of the ramp.

The parking ramp is primarily underground, with the VandenBerg “Calder” Plaza on the roof of the ramp. The upper level is open to the outside along Monroe. While mechanically ventilated, this sometimes means that fumes may become pronounced on the ground and lower levels during events and similar high traffic times.