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Dear Neighbors

Construction will soon start for the parking garage and enabling projects related to a new building in the west end of campus. The building will be shared by Thayer, the department of Computer Science, the Magnuson Family Center for Entrepreneurship, and the Dartmouth Electron Microscopy Facility. We want to provide an update on what to expect. If you have questions that are not covered in this brochure, please ask us. We welcome your questions and thoughts.

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What is happening?

Dartmouth plans to construct a new building to enhance academic, research, and entrepreneurial opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students. The community will see changes as construction for a parking garage begins in January.

A College parking garage, to be located beneath the new building, is sited on land now used for parking.

Old Tuck Drive will reopen to one-way vehicle traffic, heading towards campus from lower West Wheelock Street.

Thayer Drive will be closed to public traffic.

A traffic light will be added to the intersection of West Wheelock Street, West Street and Thayer Drive to improve safety.

What should I expect when construction begins?

- Construction starts Jan. 2 when the project team sets up perimeter fencing around the building site, and establishes the construction office at 37 West Wheelock Street, at the corner of Thayer Drive and West Wheelock.
- During the first few weeks, you'll see the team remove pavement from Cummings lot, and remove trees from the construction area and along Thayer Drive. Excavation will begin shortly after and continue through May.
- Construction vehicles will travel to and from the site on Thayer Drive to West Wheelock Street, over the Ledyard bridge to Interstate 91.

How we'll keep you informed

Project website: dartmouth.edu/~opdc

Weekly Project Updates are posted for active construction work at dartmouth.edu/~opdc

Quarterly email newsletter: email **pdc@dartmouth.edu** if you are interested in receiving an email newsletter

Questions: Email your thoughts or concerns to **pdc@dartmouth.edu**

Specific inquiries: Contact John Scherding, Associate VP of Planning, Design & Construction 603-646-3351



What is the overall project schedule?

| Excavate and construct parking | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
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| garage | | | |
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| Improve West Wheelock/West | | | |
| Street crossing and signalization | | | |
| Construct Thayer-Computer | | | |
| Science building and enhance | | | |
| landscape | | | |

What traffic changes will occur?

Dartmouth and the town of Hanover are committed to improving the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles entering and exiting Hanover on West Wheelock Street.

- Newly restored Old Tuck Drive reopens Jan. 2, 2019 to support eastbound vehicle traffic, and two-way pedestrian and bicycle traffic.
- Thayer Drive closes Jan. 2 through the construction period. Once the parking garage opens in 2021, a new road replacing Thayer Drive will allow vehicles to access the garage/loading dock, the west end green, Channing Cox parking lot, and residence halls.
- From April to August 2019 the intersection of West Wheelock, West Street, and the replaced Thayer Drive will be improved. Signalization and sidewalk paths will improve access and safety.
- A sidewalk will be added along West Street to improve pedestrian safety.