

Mobility Center opens, adding nearly 1,000 parking spaces to Downtown



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Paul Young (holding scissors) cuts the ribbon on the Downtown Mobility Center surrounded by community leaders.

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The Downtown Mobility Center opened for business on Aug. 3, bringing nearly 1,000 new parking spaces to a key section of Downtown.

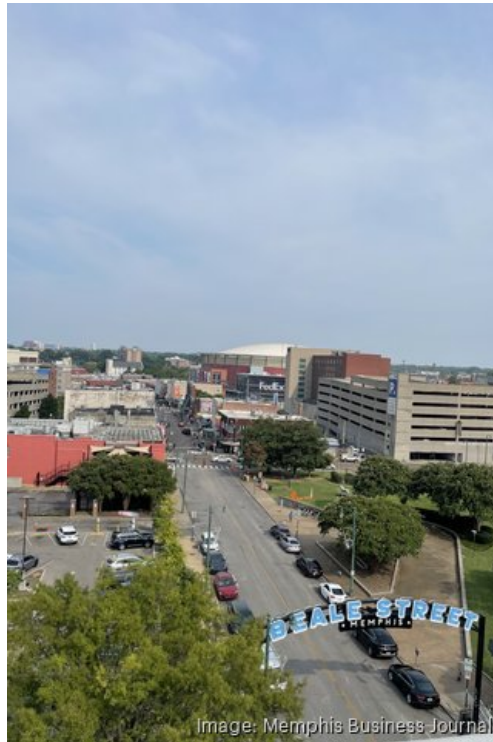
The grand opening ceremony, attended by several local politicians, contractors, and Downtown Memphis Commission (DMC) executives, officially launched the \$40 million parking facility. Construction on the Mobility Center began in 2022.

The Mobility Center brings bike storage, seven stories of parking, and a trolley stop to Downtown, plus creates a natural pickup spot for ride-shares.

The facility at the corner of South Main Street and Beale Street also adds significant parking options to a bustling area of the city's core.



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The view of Beale Street from the roof of the Downtown Mobility Center

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The Main Street Mall sits on one side, including the former Royal Furniture store, which is the site of Tom Intrator's [planned Dream Hotel](#). Many apartment properties are near, as well. On the other side of Main Street is MLGW's headquarters and the growing South Main Corridor. The attractions of Beale Street and FedExForum are also nearby.

Head toward the Mississippi River from the site of the Mobility Center and One Beale, Tom Lee Park, and the AutoZone headquarters are all within walking distance. AutoZone is set to eventually have a [skybridge directly into the Mobility Center](#).

The project – a longtime priority of the Downtown Memphis Commission – was designed by Memphis-based LRK and built by Flintco.

"We are proud to share that 50% of the subcontractors that worked on this project were local minority- and women-owned businesses, and we think that was a tremendous success," said Flintco vice president Scott Taylor.

Art from 16 local artists adorns several spaces and work from local photographers will be added to beautify the space. Beyond the parking components, there are two large retail spaces available, totaling over 11,000 square feet.

DMC president Paul Young said that the project could help spur further economic development in Downtown's economic core.

"One of the greatest impediments to growth in dense urban environments is the lack of parking," he said. "There's a huge value to us having this first-class space based in the heart of our growing entertainment district."