

# Daily Herald

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## First Street

It's just so cool.

A gigantic -- I mean GIGANTIC -- crane began putting precast concrete panels in place for the parking deck at First and Illinois streets last week.

The panels come from a plant in Wisconsin. The trucks delivering them have been coming down Route 64 east to Route 31, then south to Walnut Street. But that will change sometime in the next week, as longer panels will start arriving. The longer panels will travel down Route 47 to Route 38, then north onto Route 31 to Walnut.

This week, utility work to the north of the parking deck will wind down. City electrical workers ran into a bit of a problem that delayed it: when digging, they hit an old, unknown foundation wall. That wall then fell, taking with it an AT&T telephone line, which then had to be repaired. They'll finish the electrical work this week and open up the access drive to the back entrances of Main Street businesses.

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