

Downtown



Going to the New Consol Energy Center

OK, Pittsburgh, here's your new arena:

Uh, no, it's not actually hot pink... that's our map color for venues.

My first question: how do I get in? Answer: follow the green arrows.

My second question: parking???? On the map you'll see



Gray arrows are entrances, price tags are for evening event parking (as of press time).

So what's up with the old Mellon Arena lots (C)? They're now the "Consol Energy Center" lots, and they'll be around at least for the start of the Consol Energy Center era. Rates will vary depending on the event - they're \$15 for the McCartney shows. And that nice new garage right next to the Consol Energy Center? It's VIP-only for hockey, but it's open to the public for other events (\$20 for Sir Paul).

Duquesne's (A) and Chatham Center's (B) are the closest regular folks garages, but you'll pay the price for convenience - both will charge up to \$20 for Arena events (prices will vary depending on the event). Parking in Duquesne's garage could be especially problematic during the Arena-opening Paul McCartney concerts on August 18th and 19th - the dates coincide with Duquesne's freshman orientation.

Just the other side of Crosstown Blvd is one of the City's best kept secrets, the garage underneath Mellon Center (D).

I know people who swear by the convenience of the Mellon Square garage (F) (underground, under the trees).

Others swear by the old Gimbel's garage (G) or the old Kaufmann's garage (E). (I know, I know, it's Macy's now!)

All I know is that the farther away you park, the faster your getaway is likely to be. If you do park west of the Crosstown and north of 6th Ave., note the walkway starting on the 7th Ave side of the U.S. Steel Tower, and winding underneath the ramps to the sidewalks over the Crosstown.

Other colors:

- local arteries
- shopping densities
- campuses
- long-term closure
- regional highways
- stores/malls
- lodging
- civic/cultural
- museums/churches
- services
- office