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No human needed at this parking garage



By: [De Anna Sheffield](#)



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South Tampa - Finding a parking space can be a full-time job, before you get to the 9 to 5.

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Tracie Ferris, Tampa "It's a nightmare! You can't ever find parking. And if you do, half the time the parking meters don't work. Then if you do find a parking spot in a parking garage, the spaces are so small, if you don't have a teeny tiny car, you can't fit, it's horrible."

But a Clearwater-based company says it's making things a little easier, with a robotic parking garage.

Gerhard Haag, Robotic Parking Systems *"It looks like your garage at home. You drive in a cabin, there are signs that will tell you move left, move right, forward, stop, turn engine off, take key out, and move out of the bay. You move outside, you get a ticket, and that's all, the door closes and the car will be taken away fully-automated, it will be turned around so when you come back you don't need to back out, you can drive outside."*

Colin Breen, owner of Four Green Fields in South Tampa, is building a new boutique hotel at a lot near his pub. He looked at the costs and the space consumption of a traditional garage, and decided a robotic garage would be more efficient--and safe for his customers.

Colin Breen, Four Green Fields *"You're not driving through ramps, in a garage, taking that type of risk. Walking down dark aisle ways, and staircases, someone breaking into your car, all sorts of problems."*

Final approval from the Tampa City Council is needed before the robotic garage can be built. That meeting will take place in two weeks. It takes about a year to build the garage.

De Anna Sheffield, Tampa Bay's 10 News