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Parking planned near Clemson

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CLEMSON — A $35 million federal stimulus proposal for a 1,640-space parking deck and transportation center at Clemson University would be a wish come true for university students, workers and sports fans if granted.

The proposed facility would be built in a current parking lot between Memorial Stadium and Perimeter Road and across Avenue of Champions from Littlejohn Coliseum, said Chris Stone, an associate with Neal Prince Architects who presented the proposal to Clemson City Council on Monday.

If a federal grant is awarded, the facility is to be completed within three years of the award, with the idea of creating jobs as quickly as possible, said Rick Cotton, Clemson city administrator.

"We are excited about the opportunity to collaborate with the city of Clemson on this, said George Smith, associate vice president for student affairs at the university.

The structure would add 856 parking spaces to the current campus inventory and would be a hub for Clemson Area Transit, Smith said. It would have space for bicycle storage, a Greyhound bus stop and shuttles to the Amtrak station in Clemson and to area airports including Greenville, Atlanta and Charlotte, Smith said.

It would be "a true park-and-ride facility," Smith said.