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## Barlow Plaza to close street, increase parking

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What was once a street will soon be a parking lot.

Barlow Foods Plaza is adding 200 parking spaces by closing most of Sixth Street west of 11th Avenue Northwest and turning the area into an expanded lot.

The project will increase parking at Barlow Plaza by about one-third, said Steve Barlow, president of Barlow Foods.

"Our No. 1 concern has been a lack of parking," he said.

As part of the expansion, Barlow's recycling center, which had

been south of the grocery store, has moved west of the store.

In addition, Barlow has purchased land that formerly housed the Kuehn used car lot south of the store, and that land will also be used for parking.

Barlow has also purchased a building that houses Armed Forces recruiting offices, but that building will remain.

Crews began work on the project last week and should be completed by the end of June, Barlow said.

The Rochester City Council ap-

proved the project in January. Because of a dispute between Barlow Foods and neighboring Home Federal Savings, 66 feet of roadway which gives Home Federal access to 11th Avenue from Sixth Street is still a street.

Barlow said he would like to see traffic lights placed at the intersection of Sixth Street and 11th Avenue Northwest, and he would like the traffic configuration at the west entrance of the plaza on 16th Avenue Northwest to be altered.

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