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## Imagination Station begins construction of KeyBank Discovery Theater *Toledo's Science Center will remain open during construction*

TOLEDO, Ohio – Imagination Station is up to something BIG! Toledo's science center today broke ground on the KeyBank Discovery Theater. The exciting new venue will soon take visitors on an adventure of exploration, discovery and wonder - without leaving their seats.

The KeyBank Discovery Theater will be the only one of its kind in this region, feature a 58-foot, 4K screen with laser projection and superior sound quality. This technology will allow the science center to project nearly any kind of video and audio, including traditional and 3D films, presentations, live streaming and more. The 8,200-square-foot addition will also feature a new concessions area and the science center's gift shop.

"We are thrilled to bring this unique experience to Toledo and look forward to offering new immersive experiences to engage, educate and entertain our community," said Lori Hauser, CEO at Imagination Station. "It's going to be a very exciting summer with our upcoming *Summer of Speed* activities and events, and with the anticipation of the new theater."

Imagination Station is grateful for the support of several area organizations for the project. The theater was designed by local architecture firm, The Collaborative and Toledo-based Lathrop will lead construction. The theater is a \$10-million investment in the science center with primary funding support from private sources, most notably KeyBank, the marquee donor. No levy funds will be used for the theater.

Imagination Station will remain open during construction, but visitors will see a few minor changes:

- The Science2GO! gift shop has relocated to the flex gallery. As always, science center admission is not required to shop in the store.
- Kids attending Summer Camp will enter and exit through the Water Street entrance.
- Visitors will begin using a temporary entrance on the south side of the building near Festival Park, off Summit Street on Tuesday, June 4.

For the most convenient access to Imagination Station, visitors are encouraged to park at the Vistula Parking Garage at 610 N. Superior St. and use the underground walkway to the science center. Maps are available at [imaginationstationtoledo.org](http://imaginationstationtoledo.org). Parking discounts are available for Imagination Station Members at select downtown parking garages.

Guests wishing to visit Imagination Station's H<sub>2</sub>O Cafe will still have access to the waterfront bar and grill via Festival Park. Science center admission is not necessary to visit H<sub>2</sub>O Cafe.

Construction of the Imagination Station's KeyBank Discovery Theater is expected to be complete in summer 2020. For more information, visit [imaginationstationtoledo.org](http://imaginationstationtoledo.org).

Imagination Station provides a critical layer of science enrichment by serving as an educational partner for teachers, schools and parents. It's with a thoughtful blend of exhibits, experiences, education and excitement that Imagination Station inspires visitors to pursue STEM careers in Northwest Ohio.

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