



Studebaker Building

Façade Repairs and Roof Replacement

Construction Activities for the Next Two Weeks

Columbia University is performing exterior repairs at the Studebaker Building. The first phase of the project is focusing on façade repairs to address deteriorating conditions of terra cotta and ensure safety, including terra cotta replacement, parapet reconstruction, and masonry repairs. After completion of the façade repairs, the building's roof will be replaced. This project is estimated to be complete in August 2024.

Construction Activities for the Weeks of July 11, 2022 and July 18, 2022

Although contractors carefully stage construction activities to minimize disruption, the nature of construction work is such that some disruptions will occur. The community should expect the following in the coming weeks:

What is Happening

- Removal of the spalled concrete wall at the east elevation will resume later in the week of July 11. Demolition will be limited to the northeast and southeast corners and will continue for approximately 3 weeks. Heavy chipping noise is expected.
- Installation of inboard facing brick at the parapet wall on the west elevation will continue through the week of July 11, weather permitting. This work is mostly quiet.
- Terra cotta repairs will continue at the south and southwest corner parapet wall for the next 2-3 weeks. Intermittent drilling, grinding noises and dust are expected but the noises will be heard mainly on the 6th floor.
- Abatement of tar coating on the brick chimney on the east elevation and coping stone on the west elevation will be scheduled for the week of July 18. This tar coating is non-friable, and the abatement work is limited to the roof level only. All debris will be properly removed from the roof via the exterior scaffolding. Intermittent scraping and chipping noises are expected but the noises will be heard mainly on the 6th floor.

What to Expect

- Regular work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Noisy demolition work will be limited to Monday, Thursday, and Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Tuesday and Wednesday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- Expect high levels of noise where and when demolition is taking place. Please note that during quieter workdays there will be some minor intermittent drilling noise. Windows should remain closed to prevent construction dust from entering the building. Draw shades for privacy during the workday.

-Please note that all activities are subject to change based on field conditions –

Need More Information?

You can find more information about the Studebaker exterior repairs on our website at cufo.columbia.edu/studebaker-facade-roof.

Should you have any questions or concerns about this project, please call the Columbia University Facilities Services Center at (212) 854-2222 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or e-mail projx@columbia.edu (emails responded to during normal business hours).