



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 September 19, 2022 and September 26, 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

- Terra cotta repairs will continue at the north parapet wall. Intermittent drilling and dust are expected, mainly on the 6th floor
- Beginning September 20, sidewalk bridge and additional section of pipe scaffolding will be installed on the west elevation. Installation will take approximately 5 to 7 days, weather permitting. Intermittent metal clanking and hammering noises are expected on the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th floors. Some noise will be heard throughout the installation, even on Tuesday and Wednesday “quiet” hours. Scaffolding installation must occur without interruption unless it is weather related.
- Once the scaffolding is erected at the west elevation, selective areas of terra cotta, concrete and brick piers will be demolished at the north end of the west parapet wall during the week of September 26. Intermittent drilling, grinding noise and dust are expected mainly on the 6th floor.

What to Expect

- Regular work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Work that creates noise and vibration is currently 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.
- Scaffolding installation at west elevation will take place 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, starting September 20, 2022.
- Expect high levels of noise where and when demolition is taking place. Please note that during quieter workdays there will be some intermittent 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).