



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 October 17, 2022 and October 24, 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

- Pipe scaffolding installation is complete at the west elevation and the freight elevator tower. Selective areas of terra cotta, concrete and brick piers will be demolished. Intermittent drilling, grinding noise and dust are expected mainly on the 6th floor. Noise level may be intense at times.
- Terra cotta repairs will continue at the north parapet wall. Work is mostly quiet but occasional drilling is expected, mainly on the 6th floor.
- Roof removal and replacement will begin at the stairwell bulkhead roofs at the northeast and northwest corners, south center bay, and at the freight elevator tower roof. Constant scraping noise is expected during removal, followed by mostly quiet work.
- Starting the week of October 31, the pipe scaffolding on the south elevation will be removed. More details about this work will be provided in the next notice.

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.
- Expect high levels of noise where and when demolition is taking place. Please note that during quieter workdays there will be some occasional 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-façade-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).