



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 April 17, 2023 and April 24, 2023

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 removal on the north elevation will continue and be completed by the end of the week of April 17.
- The installation of new terra cotta units will continue at the south elevation, weather permitting. Terra cotta units are anchored to the building with about 2-4 pins each. Drilling for pins will create some intermittent noise followed by mostly quiet work.
- Joint repointing, lintel painting and brick replacement will continue at the south elevation center bay. This work will create intermittent grinding noise and dust at the beginning and then it will be mostly quiet.
- Few of the terra cotta units at the ground level will be removed on Tuesday, April 18. The contractor will gauge the level of noise and its effect on the upper floors and plan the upcoming demolition accordingly. This work will create intermittent but intense jackhammering noise and dust.

What to Expect

- Regular work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Windows should remain closed to prevent construction dust from entering the building. Draw shades for privacy during the workday.
- Ground level terra cotta removal and roof demolition is anticipated to start in the spring and summer, respectively, and will create high levels of noise and vibration.

-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).