



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 June 12, 2023 and June 19, 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

- Starting the week of June 12, the sidewalk bridge on W. 131 Street will be removed except for the southwest corner and the loading area. Flag people will be on the ground to maintain a clear pedestrian pathway at all times. Occupants and visitors should take extra precautions when entering and leaving the building.
- Joint pointing, lintel painting and brick replacement will continue at the north elevation. This work will create intermittent jackhammering, vibration, grinding noise and dust at the beginning and then it will be mostly quiet.
- In preparation for the ground level terra cotta demolition, protective shedding will be installed over the entrances and construction enclosure along the base of the building.

Starting the week of June 19, ground level terra cotta and roof demolition will begin. Expect a high level of noise, dust and some odor during demolition, which will take about 6-8 weeks, weather permitting. Roof demolition will start at the northwest corner and progress towards the southeast corner. All debris removal and material delivery will be made through the southeast corner via a boom lift.

What to Expect

- Regular work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Work that creates heavy noise and vibration will be performed throughout the day on Monday, Thursday, Friday, and before 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- 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).