

Studebaker Building

Façade Repairs and Roof Replacement

Construction Activities for the Next Two Weeks



olumbia 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 Spring 2024.

Construction Activities for the Weeks of September 18, 2023 and September 25, 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

- Terra cotta repairs are complete but miscellaneous masonry repairs will continue at the ground level of the north and south elevations. Expect a low to medium level of intermittent drilling noise and dust, mostly on the lower floors.
- Installation of the flashing, pavers and FDNY walkway will continue on the roof. This work is mostly quiet but prepping the dunnage for flashing and installation of the walkway platform will create a low level of occasional drilling noise and odor. Any noises from the roof may be noticeable only on the 6th floor
- Terra cotta installation will continue at the elevator tower. Any noise and dust from this area will be unnoticeable to occupants.
- Window replacement will begin at the elevator tower. Any noise and dust from this area will be unnoticeable to occupants.
- Pipe scaffolding at the southeast corner of the building will be removed. Hanging scaffolding will be installed at this location. A small sidewalk bridge will be erected below work area for safety.

What to Expect

- Regular work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Building occupants should expect intermittent noise, drilling, vibration, and other impacts typically associated with construction during the current phase of the project.
- 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).

