Construction Update

Weeks of October 31, 2022 and November 7, 2022

Manhattanville in West Harlem Campus Plan

Construction Activities for the Next Two Weeks

Columbia’s long-term plan for the old Manhattanville manufacturing area will revitalize the four former industrial blocks from 125th/129th to 133rd Street between Broadway and 12th Avenue, and three small blocks along the east side of Broadway from 131st to 134th Street, into an environmentally sustainable and publicly accessible center for academic and civic life woven into the fabric of the West Harlem community.

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600 W. 125th Street

Current Phase of Construction: Superstructure:

- Noisy work should be expected during most days during this phase of construction
- The superstructure contractor is gradually beginning work on the site
- The superstructure phase is anticipated to be complete in Spring 2023

What is Happening During the Next Two Weeks:

- Daytime utility work on 125th Street by Con Edison is underway. Work will involve saw cutting and breaking up the sidewalk to install the new building’s permanent power by using jackhammers, road saw, and backhoe. A dump truck will be used to remove material.
- Excavation and formwork for eastern ground floor slab
- Installation of tower crane pad and delivery of the tower crane
- Installation of rebar and formwork for cellar and ground floors
- An excavator will be used to complete cleanup and backfill
- Installation of 125th Street sidewalk protection and adjacent building rooftop protection. In addition, protection for the 125th Street subway station escalator will be performed during the week of October 31, between 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- Regular work hours temporarily extended until 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

Studebaker Building Façade Repairs and Roof Replacement

What is Happening

- Pipe scaffolding removal at south elevation commenced ahead of schedule on October 26 and will be completed by November 4. Intermittent metal clanking and hammering noises are expected throughout the south elevation.
- Once pipe scaffolding is removed, hanging scaffolding will be installed on the south elevation for window caulking replacement and lintel painting. Work is mostly quiet, but the crew will be working directly outside the windows. This work will continue for approximately 3-4 weeks.
- Roof replacement will continue at the stairwell bulkhead roofs at the northeast and northwest corners, south center bay, and at the freight elevator tower roof. Work is mostly quiet.
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What is Happening (cont.)

- Terra cotta repairs will continue at the north and west parapet wall. Work is mostly quiet but occasional drilling is expected, mainly on the 6th floor.
- East elevation stucco installation will continue for the next 3-4 weeks. Work is mostly quiet.

-Please note that all activities are subject to change based on weather and other field conditions-

What to Expect

- Regular working hours are 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, with after-hours work occurring until 8:00 p.m. Some work may also be performed on weekends from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and after hours in accordance with all necessary permits. Note that contractors may mobilize on site approximately 30 to 45 minutes before work commences.
- Installation of protection at the 125th Street subway station escalator during the week of October 31 between 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- Although contractors carefully stage construction activities to minimize disruption to the surrounding community, the nature of construction work is such that some disruptions will occur. Expect some noise, vibration, dust, and other related impacts due to construction. Visit neighbors.columbia.edu/600w125thstreet#cuAccordionItem-4958 to learn about our comprehensive clean construction program and mitigation protocols.
- The parking lane will be closed on the south side of W. 125th Street from Broadway to St. Clair Place. Parking will not be available on the south side of W. 125th Street from Broadway to the mid-block in front of the entire length of the 600 W. 125th Street construction fence.
- Refer to street signage for the west side of Broadway from 129th to 130th Streets — parking is allowed from 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., and on weekends.

Construction Progress Photos

Need More Information?
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