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.

Construction Activities for the Weeks of June 26, 2023, and July 3, 2023

600 W. 125th Street
Current Phase of Construction: Superstructure:
- Noisy work should be expected during most days during this phase of construction
- The superstructure phase is anticipated to be substantially complete at the end of June 2023

What is Happening During the Next Two Weeks:
- Beginning Sunday, June 25, Con Ed will start work in vaults located within the sidewalk on W. 125th Street in front of the project site between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Work will be performed intermittently over the next few weeks. Noise blankets are in place on the interior and outside of the construction fence to help mitigate noise.
- Overnight utility street work to install sewer connections for Con Edison power service will be performed between the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., pending the approval of permits. This work involves saw cutting and breaking up the street by using jackhammers, road saw, and backhoe. A dump truck will be used to remove material.
- Utilities and fire department standpipe are being installed throughout the building
- Delivery and installation of roof equipment
- Elevator rail installation currently in progress
- Concrete trucks and pumps will be used to pour stairs
- The building enclosure contractor is completing deliveries and installing exterior panels
- Layout and installation of interior walls by masons and carpenter
- Installation of the vertical hoist is continuing
- Regular work hours temporarily extended until 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

Studebaker Building Façade Repairs and Roof Replacement
What is Happening
- In preparation for the ground level terra cotta demolition, protection will be installed over the entrances, roll gates and along the base of the building. Approximately half of the sidewalk will be closed with construction enclosure.
- Demolition of the ground level terra cotta will continue for 4-6 weeks on both the south and north elevations. Expect a high level of noise, vibration and dust during demolition.
- Roof demolition will continue at the northern half of the roof for about 2-4 weeks, weather permitting. Sixth floor occupants can expect scraping noise during demolition.
- Terra cotta installation will continue at the elevator tower.
Open Lot on Broadway Between W. 130th and W. 131st Streets

- Installation of a storm water retention system in the open lot adjacent to David Geffen Hall, between W. 130th and W. 131st Streets. Storm water retention will be connected to the NYC Department of Environmental Protection sewer system underneath the roadway on W. 130th Street.

- Work includes excavation, installation of drainage structures and piping, backfilling, sidewalk/roadway demolition and restoration. Work is anticipated to be completed by July 7, 2023, pending the approval of permits.

-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. After-hours permit approved for 6:30 a.m. operation of the hoist to transport workers to floors where work is being performed. This permit is required as a safety precaution to reduce overcrowding as well as to help mitigate noise at the loading dock.

- Work hours for overnight utility street work are 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, with possible work hours on Saturday and Sunday in accordance with all necessary permits by the NYC Department of Transportation. Noise blankets are in place on the interior and outside of the construction fence to help mitigate noise.

- Note that the contractor will begin daily set-up preparations 30 to 60 minutes before work commences and will perform site clean-up 30 to 60 minutes after work is completed.

- 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#accordion_item-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.

Need More Information?
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