



RHODES TOWER MODERNIZATION



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Update

RHODES MODERNIZATION WINDOW SURVEY RESULT ANNOUNCED

Thank you to everyone in the Rhodes Tower who participated in the Rhodes Modernization Window Survey. More than 70 percent of the respondents said they prefer Glass No. 5, which has the highest level tinting to reflect the sun's rays.

The Ohio Department of Administrative Services' Office of Properties and Facilities, which operates the building, also prefers this glass because it is the most energy efficient – reducing sunlight shining through by 40 percent – and will provide better comfort for employees who work near the windows, particularly on the southern and western elevations.

This also will have a beneficial impact on our electricity consumption. In addition to the different heat deflection characteristics of these new windows, they also will be coated with a laminating film which will work to hold pieces in place in the event of a break in a glass panel making the immediate area safer in the event of a window breaking.

We are currently concluding the Design Development phase of the project. During this phase, corrections and modifications to the construction work process were developed and tested. A more innovative approach to addressing issues in the granite façade panels was designed because of



new information developed during the "make safe" work that was required in late November through the end of January. Unfortunately, also as a result of the "make safe" work, we are now 60 days behind the original construction schedule, with work on the building tentatively set to begin late summer 2018. Even with the later start date, the project is anticipated to conclude as originally scheduled due to the more efficient processes.

A local warehouse is being utilized as a mock-up area for the window replacement and façade repairs. The concepts of construction are thoroughly being tested to ensure that the methods are practical and efficient.