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RHODES TOWER

MODERNIZATION



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Preparation Work Continues



The masts are being built up the west side of the building for a mast-climbing work platform to be used to support construction workers and heavier loads than traditional scaffolding.

Below is an update on a few aspects of the Rhodes Modernization project, which includes increasing energy efficiency by adding insulation, installing new window systems, and repairing the granite façade.

MAST CLIMBER ASSEMBLY CONTINUES

The assembly of the mast climbers on the Pearl Alley elevation (west side) of the building will be completed in early June. The mast climbers will be assembled on the south side of the building from mid-June through August. Like the mast climbers on the west side, the mast climbers on the Broad Street elevation (south side) will be tied to the building on every third floor, beginning on the ceiling of Floor 7.

The assembly of the Broad Street mast climbers requires canopy modifications that necessitate the sidewalk in front of the building to be closed at 5:30 nightly on either the east or west side of the building. The sidewalk reopens at 5 a.m.

GRANITE COLUMN COVER WORK

The existing granite is being removed at the columns. Then fireproofing material and insulation is being added before the granite is reinstalled and sealed.

EMERGENCY PREPARATIONS

The many other aspects of the project occurring now include the installation of conduit to ensure the communications from the emergency responders' radios can penetrate the bronze coating inside the new windows. The new windows will be installed beginning in the fall of 2020.

BIRDSEYE VIEW OF PROGRESS

Soon video and photos of the evolving exterior work will be available on the Ohio Department of Administrative Services' website. A video camera on the 31st floor balcony of the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts is capturing the progress of the project from its location at 77 South High Street. In addition, a drone will be flying twice a month during weekends capturing photos of the Rhodes Tower.



Ohio Inspector General Randall J. Meyer, a Rhodes Tower tenant, shows his support of the project by donning personal protective gear. Members of the Office of the Inspector General also supported the project by slipping some candy bars to the construction crew members working outside their office.