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# RHODES TOWER MODERNIZATION



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Below is an update on a few aspects of the Rhodes Modernization project.

### WINDOW REPLACEMENT WILL BEGIN SOON

Window replacement work is scheduled to begin in October and will continue through the end of the project. The replacement process will start in the northeast corner of the building and move counterclockwise around the building. The work on each elevation will begin on the 40th floor and move downward.

The actual window replacement will be conducted from the interior of the building. The work will occur nightly from 5 p.m. to 6 a.m. so as not to interfere with the State's scheduled workday. Each window will be replaced in two phases. The first night, the new window itself will be installed. The second night, the new soffit (area surrounding the top of the window) will be installed. Employees with windows in their offices will be notified before the work starts and asked to pack any small personal items. Construction workers will cover and/or move larger office items if needed.



The Ohio Office of Budget and Management Director Kimberly Murnieks demonstrates her support of the project by wearing protective gear.

### MAST CLIMBER ASSEMBLY MOVES TO SOUTH SIDE OF BUILDING

The assembly of the mast climbers on the west side (faces Pearl Alley) of the building was finished in June. With this completion, the granite repair work on the west side started on Floor 7 and continues moving up the building. The granite repair work on the west side will be completed the first quarter of 2020.

The mast climber assembly on the south side (faces Broad Street) of the building has started with the installation of the concrete base foundation on the sidewalk. Similar to the west side mast climbers, the south side mast climbers will be fastened to the steel structure of the building on every third floor, beginning above the ceiling of Floor 7. The projected completion of this assembly is September.

The granite repair work on the south side is scheduled for completion in the third quarter of 2020. The granite repair work on the east and north sides is slated for completion in the second quarter of 2021.

### VIEW AERIAL PHOTOS

As part of creating a complete record of the project, an unmanned aerial vehicle (AKA, a drone) is capturing photos of the project on weekends. To view the photos, visit the [Ohio Department of Administrative Services website](#). In addition, a permanent video record of the project is being created.



Drone-captured photos show the roof of the Rhodes Tower and the northeast side of the building. The northeast side is the elevation where the window-replacement project will begin.