



# RHODES TOWER MODERNIZATION



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## Update

Several components of the Rhodes Modernization project are getting underway to prepare for the construction phase set to begin in the spring. As a reminder, the project scope includes increasing energy efficiency by adding insulation, installing new window systems as well as granite façade repairs. Below is an update on a few aspects of the project:

### **BROAD STREET ACCESS TO PEARL ALLEY SCHEDULED TO REOPEN IN MID-MARCH**

Pearl Alley access from Broad Street will continue to be closed through mid-March for all pedestrian traffic. The southern section of the alley is closed because of modifications being made to the overhead canopy to allow the vertical supports for the mast climbers to be installed. The mast climbers allow the construction workers safe access to all levels of a specific elevation of the building. Lynn Alley remains an alternate route into the area.

### **MAST CLIMBER ASSEMBLY TO BEGIN**

Assembly of the mast climbers will begin in late February and will be ready in the spring to allow workers to scale the tower to perform their assigned work.

The drive motors, which are currently being built specifically for the mast climbers, are scheduled to be delivered to the site in early March. Two of the motors will be installed on the west side of the building and another two motors will be installed on the mast climber which will be set up on the south side of the tower facing Broad Street.

### **WORK SLATED TO BEGIN ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER ALCOVES**

Preliminary construction activities will begin in late February on the southeast corner of the Rhodes Tower from floors 21 through 40.

Prior to that work commencing, the windowed alcove areas in the rooms on the southeast side of each affected floor will need to be cleared. This will allow Turner, the primary

contractor, to install temporary safety partitions to limit access to the alcoves.

Initially, some electrical work will need to be performed on the perimeter heating system in those areas which will then be followed by removal of the existing windows and frames in the alcoves and temporary framework and plywood partitions being installed.

The temporary construction partitions will remain in place for the duration of this specific work through May 2020.

### **FALL PROTECTION TRAINING FOR TRADE WORKERS**

All workers involved with the renovation have received 3M Fall Protection Training. The training took place in November and ensured that all workers were trained on the proper use of safety lanyards, harnesses, anchor points and emergency rescue systems. Workers also received training for their individual work activities, such as mast climbing, swing stages and interior work.

