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Window frame installation begins Oct. 29

Installation of new window frames at the Natural Resources Building begins the week of Oct. 29. The glass will be put in at a later date

Once the glass is installed in the first few window frames, Building Envelope Technology & Research (BET&R), a roofing, waterproofing and cladding consulting firm and the project's testing company, will do a water infiltration test. This will validate that the installation meets project specifications and the manufacturers' requirements.

When the window installation is complete, scheduled for mid-November, the contractor, Westmark Construction Co., will begin installing sheet rock on the inside walls.

Exterior construction

The contractor has nearly completed the installation of the gypsum-board sheathing, foam insulation and some of the final coating, which is all part of a multi-layered exterior wall system that provides insulation and includes a secondary weather barrier to protect the substrate from water leaks. The exterior wall work, including the window installation, is not affected by the weather.

Workers will start work on replacing some rusted steel studs at the southeast corner of the building at the fifth and sixth floors. The rusted steel is a cosmetic issue, not structural.

A crane is tentatively scheduled to be on site Nov. 3 to lift sheet metal on to the roof at the northeast corner of the building, and to remove materials. The crane will be staged on the eastside of the P-2 parking level.

The roof repairs and replacement work is about 90 percent complete on the sixth-floor roof on the south side of the building. Workers have begun work on the fourth-floor roof, but wet weather is slowing the progress. Tenants can expect an increase in construction noise because of the roof work above.

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