
Construction Highlights - June, 2003

Current Project Schedule



The demolition of the annex building and the book stack area was completed in April 2003. Selected demolition of the interior of the Cret building is now in progress. The earth retention system and mass excavation work for the underground parking garage continues on schedule and is expected to be completed by late-May. Removal of dirt and debris will continue during the month of May with trucks entering and exiting the site from the Pennsylvania Street entrance.

Restoration Progress

One of the many facets of the Central Library Transformation, besides the construction of the new six-story addition, is the restoration and renovation of the original 1917 Cret building. During the month of April, the first phase of the restoration of the masonry began with the power-washing of the South face of the building. The restoration and repair of the exterior limestone façade will continue in various phases throughout the length of the project.



Coming in May

The month of May will see the first signs of actual construction beginning with the pouring of the footings and the construction of the first sections of the tower crane. A tower crane is built along with the building to hoist and move building materials all over the site from a central location and eliminates the need for numerous smaller cranes on the site.

The tower crane at the Library site will be built inside what will eventually become the freight elevator shaft and will tower over the building as long as construction is being done. When the tower crane is no longer needed, it will be disassembled, leaving the elevator shaft.