

450 Columbus Boulevard Update

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Keeping You Updated About 450 Columbus Blvd

Construction update

Renovation work continues on schedule. The prototype offices are complete on the 12th floor of the North Building. Sidewalk replacement is complete along Columbus Blvd. Current on-site construction work consists of interior fit-out as well as mechanical, electrical and IT/Telcom infrastructure improvements. DRS is on schedule to move into the South building at the end of June.



Committee work during the month of November

New Technology Committee: Met November 13, 2015

- A variety of technology options for the conference rooms and building itself were demonstrated

New Building Committee: Met November 16, 2015

Neighborhood Committee: Met November 20, 2015

- Scouting teams were put together for neighborhood amenities (restaurants and coffee shops for example) and for transportation options. DOT is amenable to changing bus routes and schedules to accommodate the influx of employees. YMCA has moved its downtown branch from the XL center to Old State House Square. The committee will be touring and gathering marketing materials to be included in an electronic welcome packet made available to employees moving in

Committee work during the month of January/February

Records Management Committee: Meeting January 21

Communication Committee: Meeting January 28

Adapting to New Work Spaces Committee: Meeting February 4

Prototype Tours: During the month of December, we hosted 24 tours, taking approximately 300 employees through a prototype set up on the 12th floor of the North Building. We conducted a survey of all those that attended, and made an abbreviated survey available on line for those who took a virtual on line tour of the space...The results of the three survey questions are as follows:

- **Height of the walls...**While it was close, the lower wall height won. The lower walls will allow for more natural light to penetrate the office space and concerns regarding noise are being addressed by a white noise system in the building as well as the use of acoustical ceiling tiles and carpet designed to help mask noise.
- **Color Option:** The blue color scheme was overwhelmingly chosen over the green. Each agency will have a different accent paint color applied to the walls. The decision on those colors is being discussed and decided on in January.
- **Paper management accessories:** Although option "C" received more votes than the other 2, based on comments and feedback heard during the tours, we are weighing the ability to let each agency (or individual) make their own choice. Stay tuned!

Did You Know

- That the sundry shop that will be on the plaza level of the North building will be selling items from the Department of Agriculture? T-shirts, hats, bandanas etc.
- That the elevators in the buildings are "destination elevators" you will be able to call for an elevator in the lobby and will be taken to your floor in a more efficient manner, eliminating potentially stopping on every floor!
- That there will be a piece of Public Art, street level, on the building? We are currently in the process of working with the Department of Economic Development to choose an artist who will create a work of art specifically for the building.
- New temperature controls will make for a more comfortable work environment.

