



- ***State to begin accepting bids for Asbestos Abatement Contractors and Air Monitoring Services.*** The State has formally given approval to ESD to begin soliciting bids for the estimated \$35 million asbestos and air monitoring contracts. Contractors and consultants should go to either of the following Web sites: [www.nyscr.org](http://www.nyscr.org) or [www.empire.state.ny.us/rfp/default.asp](http://www.empire.state.ny.us/rfp/default.asp) for additional details. Asbestos removal will commence this summer and be completed during the summer of 2010.
  - A pre-bid conference for abatement will be held on:
    - (For Abatement Contractors Only) April 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Midtown Mall.
    - (For Air Monitoring Consultants Only) April 2, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at Midtown Mall.
  - Bids are due April 14:
    - (For Abatement Contractors Only) at 3:00 p.m. at Midtown Mall (this will be a public bid opening).
    - (For Air Monitoring Consultants Only) at 5:00 p.m. at ESD offices at 400 Andrews Street, Rochester, New York.
- ***Project Receives \$950,000 Earmark from Congresswoman Slaughter for Infrastructure Planning.*** Congresswoman Louise Slaughter delivered a FY09 Omnibus Appropriation for Midtown that will be used to help fund the design and construction of infrastructure improvements necessary to redevelop the Midtown site. These infrastructure improvements include creating a new, internal street grid and all public utilities such as water, sewer, storm drainage and street lighting, which will be necessary to provide municipal services to the new redevelopment sites.
- ***City of Rochester Received 2 proposals for the Midtown Tower.*** The City Economic Development Department and Empire State Development are currently reviewing the [plans submitted for the Midtown Tower](#). Proposers will be notified next month with any additional information requests. If the City determines there is a qualified proposal, a preferred developer will be selected by the summer 2009 followed by the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/pre-development agreement by March 2010.
- ***Community Notices and Construction Updates.*** News on how the project impacts downtown pedestrian and vehicle traffic will be continuously updated on the [Traffic/Parking/Pedestrian Impact page](#) on the Midtown Rising Web site.

- ***City-State-SHPO to finalize agreement on Midtown's Historic Resources.*** Empire State Development, the City of Rochester, and the NYS Historic Preservation Offices came to an agreement on a series of actions designed to mitigate the negative impact of demolishing a property deemed to be a historic resource. These actions are spelled out in the executed [Letter of Resolution](#) or "LOR."
- ***Midtown Advisory Committee Met on March 17, 2009.*** The Midtown Advisory Committee (MAC) – a group of major policy makers and downtown stakeholders appointed by Mayor Duffy to provide recommendations to the City and State on the project's major issues – held its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on March 17th. The Committee has provided important feedback to the City and State on the Market Study, Economic Assessments, Site Planning and Redevelopment Alternatives. The Committee, which is chaired by Rochester Downtown Development Corporations' Heidi Zimmer-Meyer, will continue to meet throughout 2009 to provide additional feedback on public Infrastructure Improvements, Real Estate Strategies and financing and Implementation Issues. More information about MAC can be found [here](#).

To view the complete Midtown Rising development timeline, please click [here](#).

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