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# **300-foot tower crane to be raised at General Assembly Building site**

*~ Work is expected to begin Friday and be completed  
Monday; Crane will remain in place through 2021 ~*

**Richmond, VA** – Contractors will begin work Friday, June 21, to raise a more than 300-foot tall tower crane to assist with construction of the General Assembly Building. The work is expected to be completed on Monday, June 24.

The crane will be installed on the south side of the new General Assembly Building. The initial height of the tower crane will be 307 feet with a hook height of 277 feet. In mid-2020, the crane will be extended to 340 feet, with a hook height of 310 feet. The crane has a 236-foot swing radius.

From 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday, more than a dozen support trucks will deliver pieces for the tower crane and an assist crane to the site. No additional road closures are expected; however, crews may temporarily stop traffic to assist with trucks accessing the site. The assist crane will be disassembled and hauled away on Monday. All work is dependent on the weather.

The tower crane will help unload and place materials to construct the new building. The crane will remain in place through early 2021.

The tower crane will move freely at times when high winds occur at the site. This movement, called “weathervaning,” is a best practice during high wind events. No loads will be picked up or suspended during these times.

No loads will be carried over Capitol Square, pedestrians or any buildings within the crane's swing radius. If a load must be moved over a roadway, crews will close traffic temporarily.

The foundation of the crane is located inside the secured work site, and a 12-foot high secure enclosure will be built around the base of the crane.

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