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**\$33 MILLION IN CONSTRUCTION IS COMING TO THE CENTRAL TERMINAL**

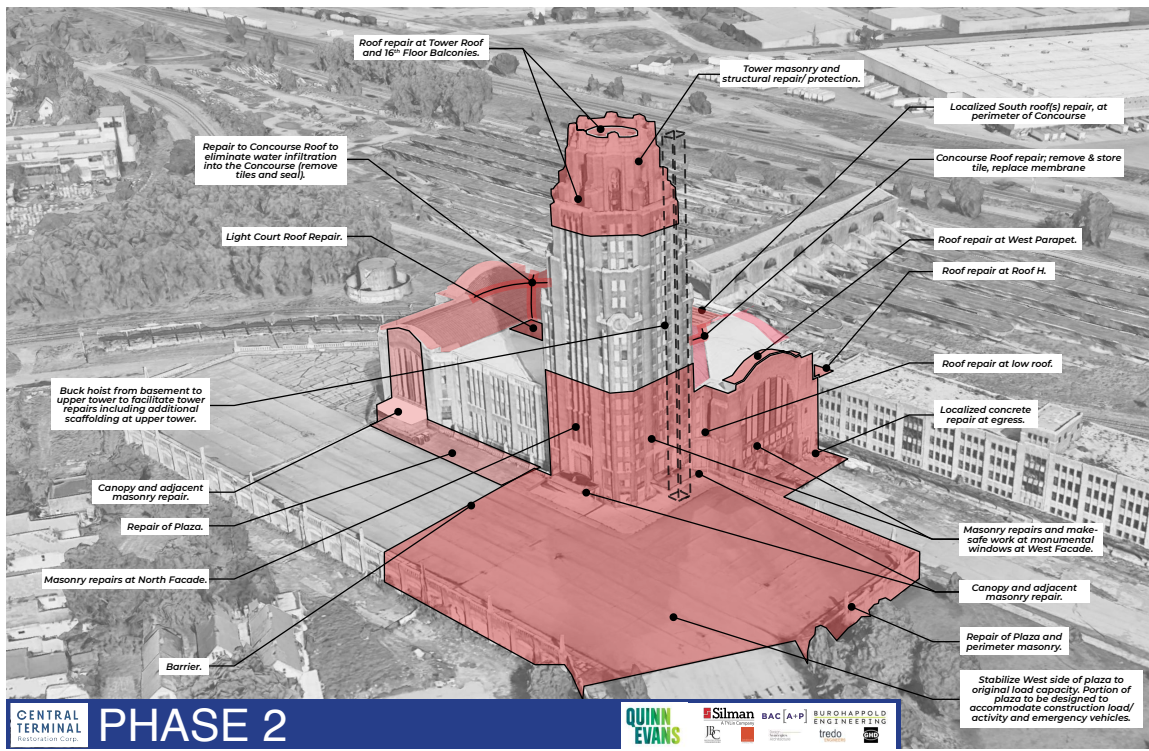
BUFFALO, NY— Monumental progress is happening at the Buffalo Central Terminal, with \$33 million in construction funded by the [Regional Revitalization Partnership](#) (RRP). This next move toward the reuse of the historic Main Terminal Building will focus on safety and stabilization issues, reestablish safe access into the Passenger Concourse, expand use of the Plaza and the Lawn, and advance the community-driven plan for reuse. Construction is expected to take about two years to complete.

"Governor (Kathy) Hochul's investment in the iconic Central Terminal is helping to harness the potential of this vibrant East Buffalo neighborhood and its residents," said **Hope Knight, President, CEO, and Commissioner of [Empire State Development](#)**. "We are revitalizing the historic landmark one phase at a time—carving out a future for the one-of-a-kind architectural anchor. When the project is complete it will be a celebratory story of success, economic growth and new beginnings— but most importantly, it will always be about the vital importance of this proud Buffalo community."

"This is a generational investment," said **James Morrell, Chair of the [Central Terminal Restoration Corp. \(CTRC\)](#)** "Reviving our living landmark proves that we can triumph over adversity. The future of the Central Terminal is in motion, and together we are building a new future as a lasting cultural and economic hub for the community."

"Over the next two years, our diverse and talented workforce will be building the future of Buffalo's East Side," said **Joe Mannarino, President of [Buffalo Construction Consultants](#)**, the Central Terminal reuse project's construction manager. "We want

more minorities and women involved in construction, particularly in the areas in which they work and live, because diverse views always lead to better outcomes."



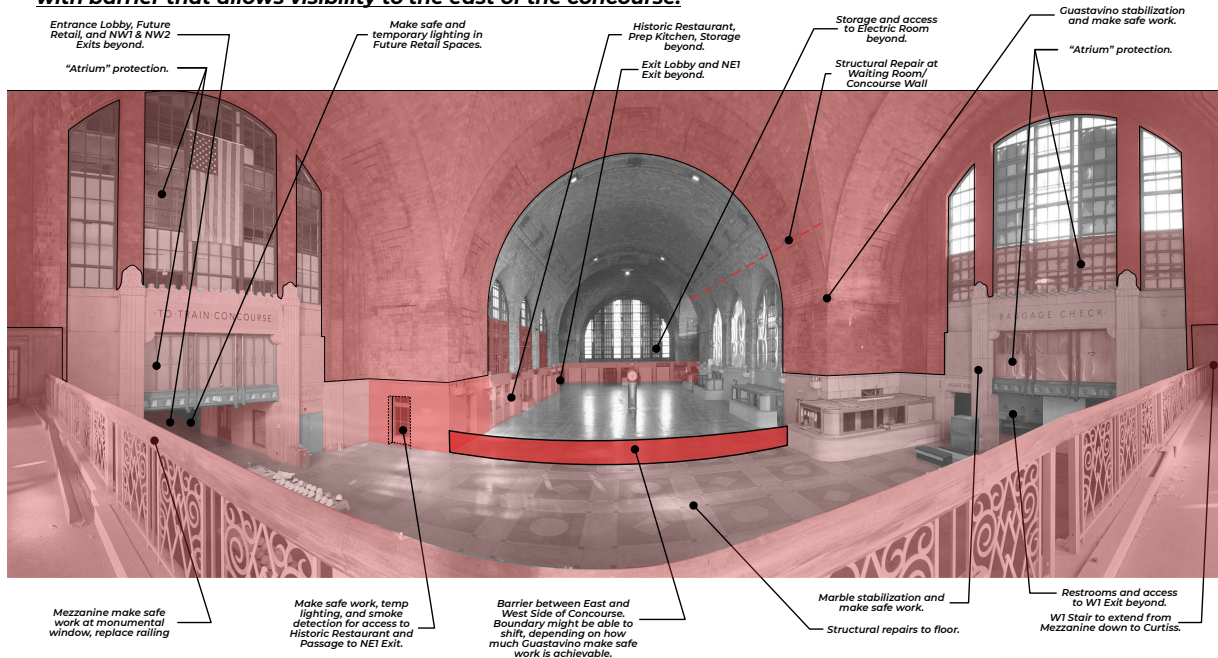
Exterior construction will address urgent structural improvements to the Plaza and Parking Structure; create a watertight envelope to protect the building from further weather-related damage by addressing various leaking and structural roof areas including the Passenger Concourse's barrel roof; and secure the masonry on the Main Terminal Building, including the upper Tower floors.

"These early steps in the restoration effort aim to reestablish the terminal as a place of civic pride and a place where people come together," said **Richard Hess**, a **Principal at Quinn Evans**, the lead architect for the Central Terminal's reimagining. "Care is being taken to honor the terminal's rich architectural heritage by adhering to the [National Park Service's Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties](#), while stabilizing the building to allow for future programming and enjoyment. Early twentieth-century train stations have always served as gateways to our cities, and we look forward to the day when we can open the doors to the City of Buffalo once again."

The interior of the Main Terminal Building will see repairs that include repairing and stabilizing the Guastavino wall and ceiling tiles, floors, marble wainscoting, and walls; installing code-required lighting, fire alarm and smoke detection; installing new doors and performing safety work at the entrance and exit lobbies; creating a new emergency exit to Curtiss Street; repairing the structural integrity of the

Waiting Room/ Concourse wall and the Passenger Concourse floor, and so, so much more.

**BIG IDEA: Reopen west side of the Concourse for limited events, with barrier that allows visibility to the east of the concourse.**



**CENTRAL TERMINAL Restoration Corp.** **PHASE 2** **QUINN EVANS** **Silman** **BAC [A+P]** **BURHAPPOLD ENGINEERING** **trede**

**OCCUPANT LOAD IS CAPPED AT 1000 DUE TO 3 EXITS (NW1 & NW2, NE1, and W1).**

The repairs, which will start this Fall and continue into 2027, will enable public access to the west side of the Passenger Concourse, entrance lobby and adjacent former retail spaces, north-east exit lobby, and the historic restaurant for limited events. A barrier will block access to the east side of the Concourse, while leaving it visible to experience the grandeur of the Concourse.

The public and philanthropic funding partners of the [Regional Revitalization Partnership](#) have been the bedrock of the Central Terminal's progress. The \$300 million multi-year regional economic development strategy utilizes a community-driven strategy that seeks to build local wealth and empower residents using a model that drives economic development through government and philanthropic partnerships on Buffalo's East Side, and in Niagara Falls and Rochester. The RRP has allocated \$61 million in funding toward the reuse of the Central Terminal.

Big momentum towards a strong future for the Central Terminal has occurred over the last year:

- **An analysis of existing conditions of the Main Terminal Building, including roofs and masonry structural conditions, to fully understand the building and develop a long-term rehabilitation strategy that prioritizes the most critical stabilization repairs.** This essential work was conducted by a local and national multi-disciplinary team led by the architect firm of [Quinn Evans](#), one of the

nation's largest women-owned architecture and planning firms, recently completed modernizing Detroit's [Michigan Central Station](#). The full team includes [Silman Structural Solutions](#) (structural engineers); [Jablonski Building Conservation Inc.](#) (materials conservation); [Buro Happold](#) (mechanical, electrical, and plumbing engineer); [GHD, Inc.](#) (fire protection and life safety engineer); [Barbara A. Campagna/Architecture + Planning PLLC](#) (historic preservation consultant); [Tredo Engineers](#) (civil and environmental engineer); [Design Synergies Architecture](#) (local architect consultant); and [Dharam Consulting](#) (cost estimating).

- **Selecting a Construction Manager to coordinate the construction bidding process and overseeing construction.** The local team of [Buffalo Construction Consultants](#) was selected to lead the Construction Management.
- **Partnering with our preferred Development Team to advance the reuse.** [CB Emmanuel Realty LLC](#), [the Alexander Company](#), and [Rise Community Capital](#) were chosen as the preferred developers for the historic Buffalo Central Terminal in a joint selection with the [City of Buffalo Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning](#). This is a BIG step toward realizing the community-driven vision for the living landmark. This strong and proven Development Partner will advance the reuse of a massive 30 acres and four historic buildings, part owned by the [Central Terminal Restoration Corp.](#) and another part owned by the City of Buffalo.
- **Gaining the most comprehensive understanding ever of the buildings and grounds' historic and cultural contexts, in order to guide reuse and leverage Historic Tax Credits.** [Barbara A. Campagna/Architecture + Planning PLLC](#) led the development of three tools vital for the rehabilitation and reuse of the historic building. The Historic Structures Report (HSR) and a Cultural Landscape Report (CLR) explored the site's history, important architectural features, existing conditions, records, and materials, and were used to identify future rehabilitation options and develop recommendations for work on the site. The Part 1 Historic Preservation Certification Application demonstrates to the National Park Service that the building's historical significance is sufficient to warrant tax incentives toward the Central Terminal's rehabilitation and/or redevelopment.

"The future of the Central Terminal is happening now. It's no longer 'if.' It's 'when,' and it's NOW," said [CTRC Executive Director Monica Pellegrino Faix](#).

The CTRC's other funding partners have expressed their excitement in the momentum at the Central Terminal.

"As the next phases of construction get underway, we will again move closer to the revival of the Buffalo Central Terminal," said [Annie O'Neil-White](#), [M&T Bank](#)

**Enterprise Platforms First Line Risk Officer** and [CTRC Vice Chair](#). "This massive project will usher in a wave of progress that will continue to demonstrate our commitment to Buffalo's vibrant East Side. In addition to serving as an important gathering space for our community, the Central Terminal will become an economic engine that encourages new investment and fuels opportunities to strengthen the neighborhood. Together, we can achieve the Central Terminal's greatest potential — and my colleagues at M&T Bank are committed to doing our part by continuing to support the Regional Revitalization Partnership, which, in addition to Buffalo's East Side, will also serve as a catalyst for economic development in Niagara Falls and Rochester."

"This latest milestone in the redevelopment of the Central Terminal is another exciting sign of progress for East Buffalo and our region as a whole," said **Michael McMahon**, [KeyBank Buffalo Market President](#). "We are proud to be a supporter of this project and look forward to the role the Central Terminal will play in the continued revitalization of the surrounding neighborhood and our great city."

"The Central Terminal has long been one of the Buffalo's most iconic architectural jewels. Evans Bank is delighted to play a role in bringing this building back to its former glory and rightful place of importance through the Regional Revitalization Partnership," said **David J. Nasca**, **President and CEO of [Evans Bank](#)**.

"The Central Terminal is well on its way to becoming what it has long been meant to be – a place of connection that brings people together and supports the vibrancy and economic growth of the East Side of Buffalo. Five Star Bank is proud to partner with the Regional Revitalization Partnership and support the important and thoughtful work taking place to restore this historic landmark and community asset," said **Martin K. Birmingham**, **President and CEO of [Five Star Bank](#)**.

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### **About Central Terminal Restoration Corp.**

The historic Buffalo Central Terminal is a prominent feature of Buffalo's East Side and the Broadway- Fillmore neighborhood. The not-for-profit [Central Terminal Restoration Corp.](#) (CTRC) has been the building's caretaker since 1997. The Central Terminal offers a singular catalytic opportunity to ignite a shared vision for a new future. CTRC's community-driven Master Plan reestablishes the Terminal as a hub of activity – a beacon that attracts people and investment; celebrates and fosters community voices and connections that shape broad and equitable revitalization efforts; and contributes to a strong future for the city and region. More information and photos can be found in the [CTRC Media Kit](#).

### **About the Regional Revitalization Partnership**

The [Regional Revitalization Partnership](#) (RRP) is a \$300 million comprehensive economic development strategy and public-private partnership that maximizes

impact and leverages additional investment for Buffalo's East Side, Niagara Falls, and Rochester. This community-driven, collaborative strategy takes a holistic approach to economic development and is designed to build community wealth through multiple paths. The RRP was developed in collaboration with New York State Gov. Kathy Hochul and [Empire State Development](#) (ESD) and is supported by [ESL](#), [Evans Bank](#), [Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation](#), [Five Star Bank](#), [KeyBank/First Niagara Foundation](#), [William & Sheila Konar Foundation](#), [M&T Bank](#), [Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation](#), and partners in the cities of Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and Rochester. RRP program implementation is led by the [Center for Regional Strategies](#).

### **About Empire State Development**

[Empire State Development](#) (ESD) is New York State's chief economic development agency. The mission of ESD is to promote a vigorous and growing economy; encourage the creation of new job and economic opportunities; increase revenues to the State and its municipalities; and achieve stable and diversified local economies. Through the use of loans, grants, tax credits, and other forms of financial assistance, ESD strives to enhance private business investment and growth to spur job creation and support prosperous communities across New York State. ESD is also the primary administrative agency overseeing the New York State Regional Economic Development Councils and the marketing of "I LOVE NY," the State's iconic tourism brand. For more information on Regional Councils and Empire State Development, please visit [www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov](http://www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov) and [www.esd.ny.gov](http://www.esd.ny.gov).

### **About East Side Avenues**

[East Side Avenues](#) is a capacity-building initiative developed to fund, plan, and coordinate revitalization strategies and initiatives aimed at improving economic conditions in four main commercial corridors on Buffalo's East Side. It is backed by a unique partnership of private and philanthropic organizations that created the \$8 million East Side Collaborative Fund administered by the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. The grants and supports are being provided to complement capital funding that is being awarded by [Empire State Development](#) (ESD) as part of its \$65 million East Side Corridor Economic Development Fund (ESCEDF). East Side Avenues stemmed from [UB Regional Institute](#)'s (UBRI) partnership with ESD and the City of Buffalo to reach out to community members; and to listen, analyze past investments, and create a comprehensive plan focused on what key stakeholders said they'd like to see happen and what projects they believe are important for promoting economic activity. East Side Avenues is led by a Project Implementation Team (PIT) from UBRI that is working to build organizational capacity by ensuring appropriate supports such as infrastructure, staff and funding are in place; assisting with strategic planning, program design and problem solving; reporting on progress; and ensuring responsible use of resources. UBRI is the research enterprise of the [University at Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning](#). Learn more at [www.eastsideavenues.org](http://www.eastsideavenues.org).