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Turner to Modernize Space Needle's Iconic Golden Elevators

This \$18 million project will replace the Seattle landmark's famous elevators.



October 19, 2023 – Turner Construction Company has begun a multiyear project to modernize the Space Needle's three iconic golden elevators in Seattle, Washington. The Space Needle observation tower is a designated landmark and an icon of the city.

The project will begin with modifications to the building itself. The construction will take place overnight to enable the Space Needle to continue serving the public. Elevators will be replaced one at a time to enable the two others to remain in use. The elevators travel outside the building and are the only way visitors can reach the top of the Space Needle.

“Working on such a notable piece of the Seattle skyline is an honor,” said Bill Ketcham, Vice President and General Manager, Turner Construction Company. “The elevators are an integral part of the Space Needle and we look forward to bringing them into the 21st century.”

The project is anticipated to take four years and the first elevator will be replaced and ready for visitors in May 2025.

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