

One World Trade Center May Rise Above Empire State Building by Next Week

DOWNTOWN — More than a decade after 9/11, **One World Trade Center** is about to become the highest building in New York City.

Still a work in progress, the new skyscraper could raise the city skyline as soon as next Monday, said Port Authority Executive Director Pat Foye at a forum on Tuesday, according to reports.

Construction on the building began in April 2006 and has accelerated in the past year.

One WTC is one of five new office towers that will constitute the **new World Trade Center**, along with the National September 11th Memorial and Museum, a new transportation center, a performing arts center, and retail spaces.

Workers will begin steel installations in the next few days that are expected to raise the building to a height of at least 1,254 feet above street level — 4 feet higher than the Empire State Building, a Port Authority official said, according to reports.

The completed tower will ultimately reach 1,776 feet and will include a large public lobby, office space, and equipment for broadcasting.