

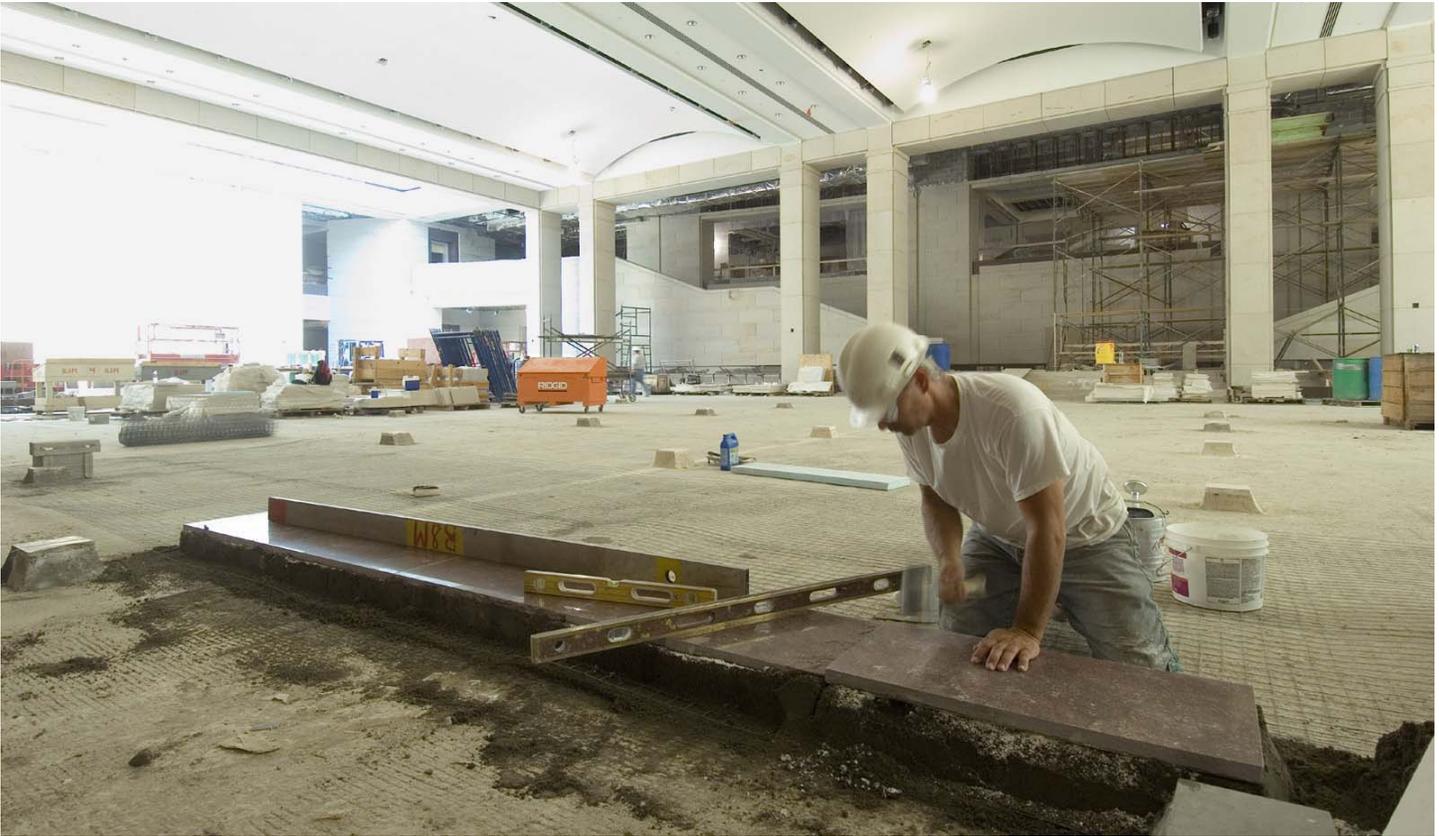


# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Late last week, a stone mason set the first floor stone in the Great Hall. A mock-up of a decorative “basketweave” floor stone pattern is expected to be completed early next week. Pending its approval, several mason teams will then work out from the center panel to all four corners of the Great Hall.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 7/10/06 through 7/14/06**

### **CVC and East Front Plaza:**

- Crews have completed the removal of the scaffolding in the Great Hall and masons have completed the layout for the Hall’s 20,000 square feet of floor stone. Mason teams have begun setting the stone in the center of the Hall in a decorative basketweave pattern, which will serve as a mockup for the rest of the Hall. Pending the approval of the mockup expected next week, masons will work out from the center to all four corners of the Great Hall.
- A skylight installation contractor continues installation of the north skylight above the Great Hall.
- Masons continue setting base stone, wall stone, and stair stone in the basement and Crypt level of the East Front transition zone. Abatement of lead paint on the original sandstone façade is complete on the Crypt level and a crew has begun abatement work at the Rotunda now that a temporary elevator access corridor has been removed.
- In the Exhibition Hall, masons are now working to complete the last remaining floor stone in the northwest quadrant. Crews are nearly complete installing the ceiling insulation and plaster work is expected to begin early next week.
- Millwork for the CVC Orientation Theaters is expected to arrive this week and installation is expected to begin in the South Orientation Theater next week. Meanwhile, workers are installing the steel brackets for handrails.
- Crews continue setting curb stones along the trees-lined pedestrian walkways leading to the CVC entrances and are nearly complete setting the low stone retaining wall around the south skylight above the Great Hall.
- Ceiling drywall installation continues in the Food Service area. Wall and floor tile work is substantially complete in the food preparation area, and white ceramic tile is nearly complete along the back wall of the servery area.
- Masons continue setting stone on all three levels of the House and Senate stairwell atria.

- Workers continue to assemble mechanical elements and finishes to escalators and elevators near the Great Hall.
- Wall stone installation continues primarily in the north stairwell atrium in the Senate Expansion Space, in the Congressional Auditorium entrance atrium and in the East Front of the Capitol.
- Masons have resumed setting asphaltic pavers in a decorative paving pattern around the north historic fountain.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, the majority of framework and drywall installation is complete on all three levels in both spaces. Wall and ceiling “close-in” inspections for all of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety systems are ongoing. The ceiling grid is now being installed throughout the upper level of the Senate Expansion Space and is complete in all but two rooms on the upper level of the House Expansion Space.



**Workers install insulation board to the ceiling of the CVC Exhibition Hall. This work will be completed this week and plaster work is expected to begin early next week.**

### **East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel**

- Crews are now completing final preparatory work to shore up the existing tunnel below Second Street. Once the shoring is complete, CVC crews will install the necessary insulation to the new utility lines where they connect to the old lines in the Second Street tunnel. CVC Utility Tunnel operation is expected to begin in August.

## **Next Week – 7/17/06 – 7/21/06**

### **CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel**

- The first CVC millwork installation is expected to begin in the South Orientation Theater.
- Installation of the north skylight will continue above the Great Hall. Masons are expected to complete a mock-up of the floor stone and, pending its approval, continue outward from the center panel.
- Floor stone installation will near completion in the northwest quadrant of the Exhibition Hall. Ceiling plaster work is expected to begin along the center zone of the Exhibition Hall.
- Installation of base and wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone at the upper level of the CVC and at the Crypt level inside the East Front of the Capitol. Abatement work will continue at the Rotunda level.
- Crews are expected to resume insulation work for the CVC utility tunnel.
- Stone masons will continue installation of asphaltic pavers in a decorative pattern around historic features on the East Front Plaza.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stone installation will continue in the House and Senate stairwell atria. Wall and ceiling close-in inspections continue throughout both expansion spaces.

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