

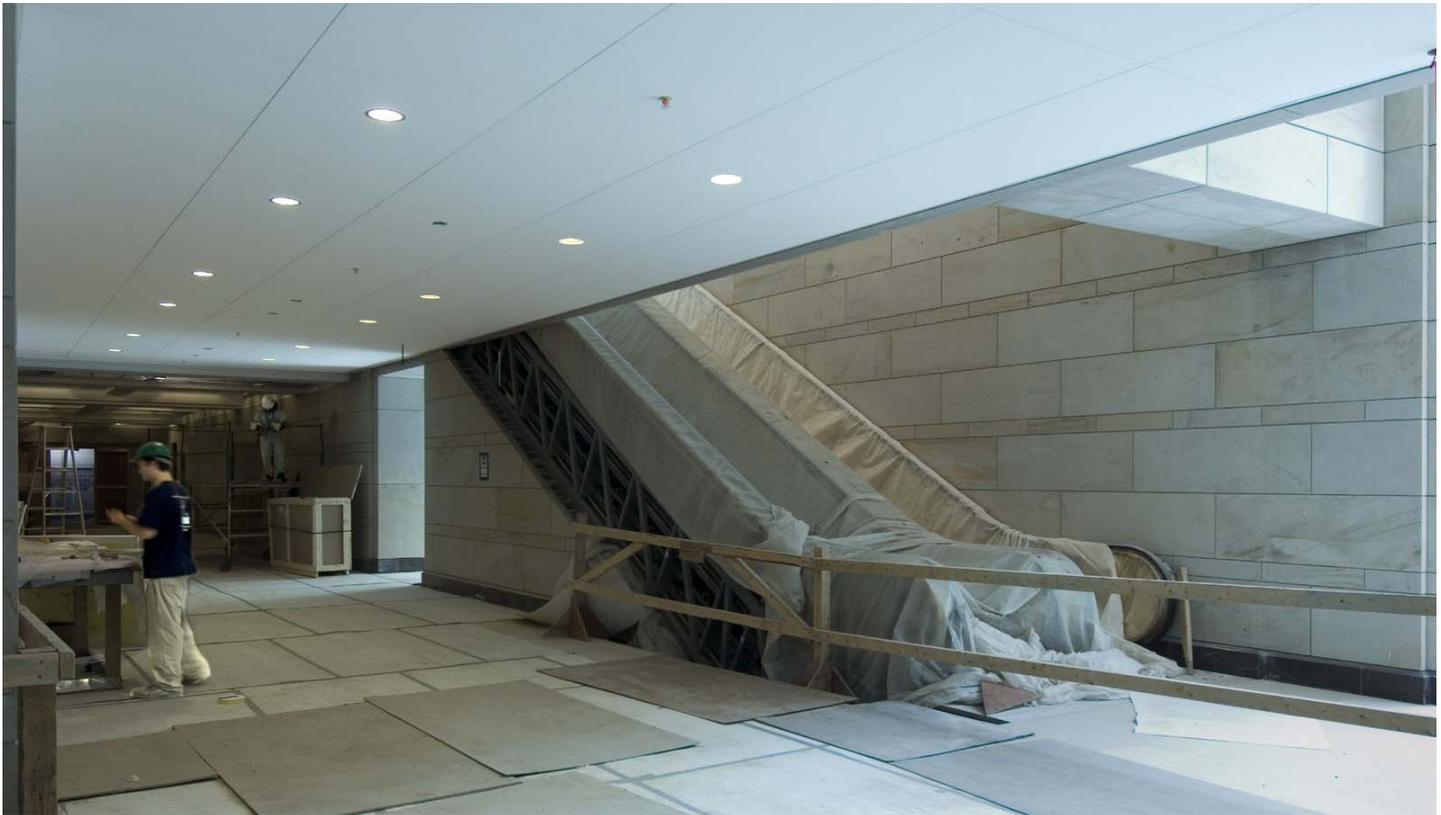


United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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The first substantial expanse of finish ceiling panels in the CVC can be seen in this corridor just south of the Great Hall. Protective materials cover the floor stone below, while all of the interior wall stone in this area, and throughout most of the CVC proper, has been installed.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 10/2/06 through 10/6/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Mason teams continue setting floor stone in the CVC entrance lobby vestibule and are nearly complete with floor stone work in the interior upper level lobby just east of the Great Hall.
- Floor stone installation is complete in the lobby just outside the South Orientation Theater and nearly complete along the south corridors on both the upper and lower levels. Masons continue setting floor stone in the north corridors.
- Installation of finish ceiling panels is nearly 75 percent complete along the lower level south corridor adjacent to the Great Hall. The ceiling contractor will continue working six 10-hour days each week to increase the pace of installation of ceiling panels throughout the CVC.
- Crews have begun installing finish flat ceiling panels in the Food Service area. Curved acoustic fabric ceiling panels for the Food Service area have been delivered and will be installed in mid-October.
- In the East Front, crews continue installing the metal stud framework that will support the stone at the Rotunda and Gallery levels along the west walls. Workers are expected to complete installation of steel for a redesigned archway above the main central staircase. Stone installation on the beam is expected to begin by mid-October.
- In the Exhibition Hall (EH), workers continue to assemble the steel framework that will support the marble “Wall of Aspirations,” which will house 40 to 50 historic documents down the center of the EH. Workers are installing insulated tubular air duct below the floor grid and the duct now reaches some of the document window locations within the Unistrut system. Also in the EH, ceiling contractors are framing the tray ceilings above the virtual House and Senate Theaters while a millwork contractor installs the blue soffit trim panels around the central ceiling zone.



Workers recently removed the scaffold at the base of a new central staircase that connects the CVC to the Capitol. By the end of October, all of the stonework for the archways above the staircase should be completed, clearing the way for installation of escalators on either side.

- A millwork contractor has completed installation of ceiling panels inside the North and South Orientation Theaters. Final ceiling work should be completed by mid-October clearing the way for crews to dismantle the scaffolding, install metal wall framing and set the final acoustic wood panels to the theater walls in November. Some scaffolding along the elevator corridors within the theaters has already been removed and a drywall substrate has been installed for some of the finish wall panels.
- Workers are completing plastering of the Congressional Auditorium ceiling and are now painting the soffits. Meanwhile, workers continue to install mechanical winches for the Auditorium's light fixtures. The scaffolding in the Auditorium is expected to be dismantled in October allowing for the installation of finish wall panels and floor carpeting in November.
- Millwork installation is expected to begin in two Congressional meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium.
- Masons have nearly completed the stonework for the historic seatwalls around the House and Senate grass panels. A decorative paving pattern is complete around the north and south historic fountains.
- Utility crews continue to balance the CVC's 23 air handling units. More than half of the units have been pressure tested while purging and flushing of the chilled water and steam lines continue.

Next Week – 10/9/06 – 10/13/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work

- Crews are expected to begin dismantling the scaffold in the North and South Orientation Theaters.
- Floor stone installation will continue in corridors and lobby areas on both the upper and lower levels.
- Installation of finish ceiling panels will continue in the Food Service Area and in upper and lower level corridors.
- Crews will continue installing air duct, framing ceilings for the virtual House and Senate Theaters, and assembling the steel support system for the Exhibit Hall's "Wall of Aspirations."

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