



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Masons set stone at the base of a staircase leading to the entrance of a new Congressional Auditorium located below the East Capitol Street Extension.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 10/23/06 through 10/27/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Mason teams have nearly completed setting floor stone in the CVC entrance lobby, the adjacent vestibule area, and the upper level east lobby overlooking the Great Hall.
- Scaffolding has been removed from both the North and South Orientation Theater clearing the way for installation of wood and fabric wall panels. Final floor stone installation continues in the North Theater.
- Installation of finish ceiling panels continues in many areas throughout the site. The south corridor adjacent to the Great Hall on the lower level is nearly 85 percent complete. Ceiling panels have also been installed in corridors leading to the Congressional Auditorium. Final ceiling panels are being installed at the east side of the Great Hall and that work should be completed this week, allowing the scaffold to then be dismantled clearing the way for stone work in that area.
- 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 upper level north corridor.
- Installation of finish ceiling panels is nearly 85 percent complete along the lower level south corridor adjacent to the Great Hall and leading east toward the Congressional Auditorium. The ceiling contractor will continue working six 10-hour days each week to maintain an increased pace of installation of ceiling panels throughout the CVC.
- Crews have completed installing finish flat ceiling panels in the Food Service area. Curved acoustic fabric ceiling panels for the Food Service area are now being installed and that installation will continue for three weeks.
- In the East Front, crews continue installing the metal stud framework that will support the stone at the Rotunda and Gallery levels along the east and west walls. Workers have completed installation of steel for a redesigned archway above the main central staircase and stone installation on the beam is expected to begin next week.



Workers install a bronze frame to a steel window structure in the CVC entrance zone.

- In the Exhibition Hall (EH), workers are expected to resume assembly of the steel framework that will support the marble “Wall of Aspirations,” which will house historic documents. Also in the EH, ceiling contractors have completed framing the tray ceilings above the virtual House and Senate Theaters and ceiling “close-in” inspections are expected to occur this week, clearing the way for installation of drywall, finish ceiling panels and millwork in both theaters.
- Ceiling “close-in” inspections are occurring in the Congressional Auditorium and the scaffolding in the Auditorium is expected to be dismantled by mid-November allowing for the installation of finish wall panels.
- Ceiling millwork installation is nearing completion in two Congressional meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium. Floor stone installation is occurring in the lower lobby area west of the Auditorium.
- Masons have 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. Masons have resumed installation of pavers between the historic lanterns and fountains.
- Utility crews continue to balance the CVC’s 23 air handling units. The first chilled water pre-test has been completed.

Next Week – 10/30/06 – 11/3/06

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Crews are expected to begin dismantling the scaffold at the east side of the Great Hall clearing the way for masons to set floor and step stones and complete other stone work for the fountains at the base of each staircase.
- Floor stone installation will continue in corridors and lobby areas on both the upper and lower levels primarily on the north side of both the Great Hall and CVC entrance zone and in corridors approaching the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of finish fabric ceiling panels will continue in the Food Service Area and continue in the upper and lower level corridors around the Great Hall.
- In the Exhibition Hall, crews will begin installing finish panels.
- Senate Plaza restoration work will continue near the Senate triangle.

For additional information about the CVC project, contact the project communications officer, Tom Fontana, at fontana@oc.gov or visit the project web site at www.oc.gov. Be sure to click on the “Capitol Visitor Center” link on the homepage.