# United States Capitol Visitor Center
Weekly Construction Summary

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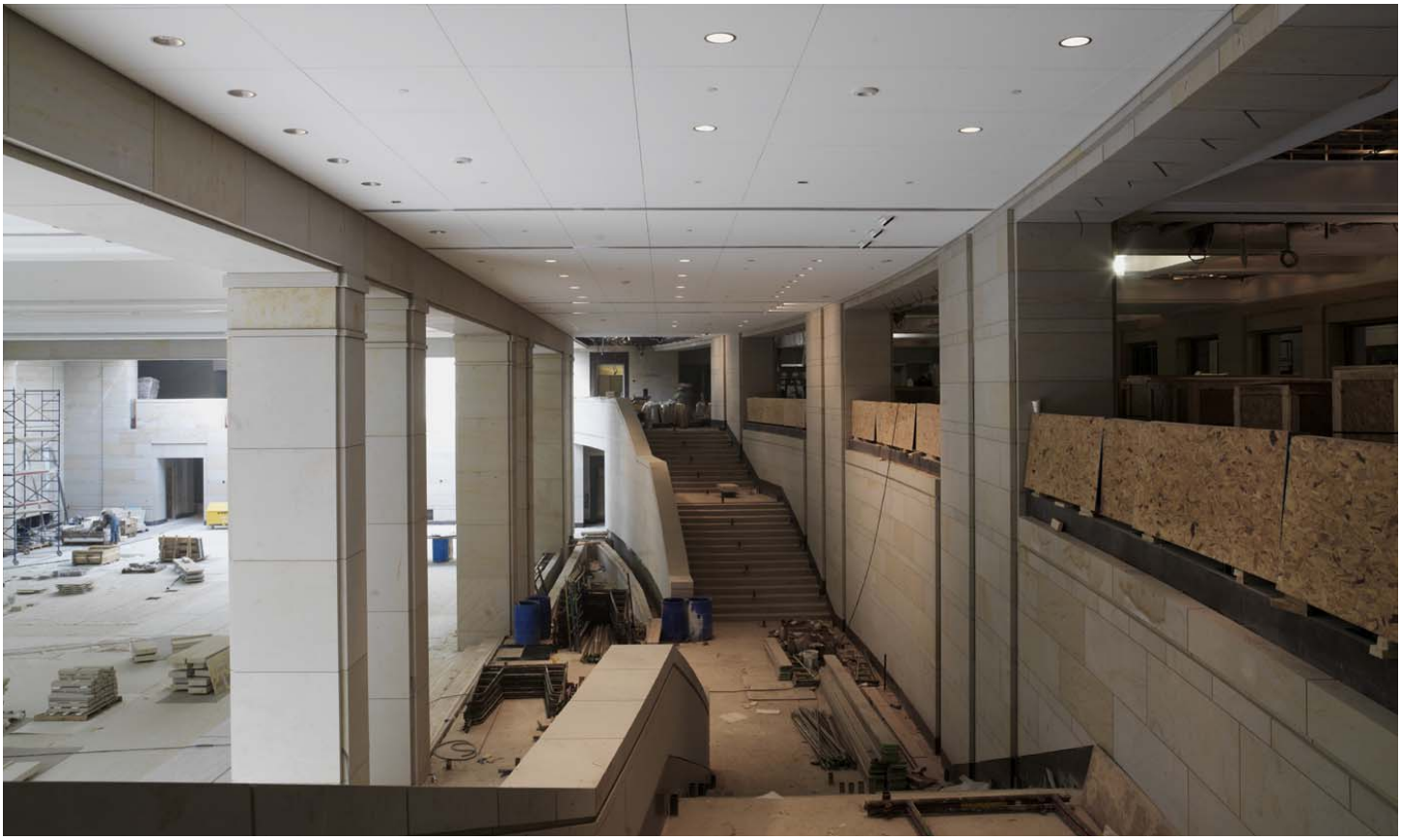

**On Saturday, Oct. 28, crews dismantled the remaining scaffolding in the Great Hall revealing the finished ceiling above (top center). With the scaffold out of the way, masons will begin later this week installing finish stone on the stairs and around the water features at the base of each staircase.**

## This Week – Ongoing Work – 10/30/06 through 11/3/06

**CVC and East Front Plaza:**

- Crews have removed scaffolding above the two Great Hall monumental staircases on the east side of the Hall clearing the way for masons to begin installing the step stones on the stairs and complete the remaining stone work around the adjacent water features at the base of the stairs.
- Mason teams have nearly completed setting floor stone in the CVC entrance lobby, the adjacent vestibule area, the upper level east lobby overlooking the Great Hall, and the upper level circulation lobby leading to the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of floor stone continues in the North Orientation Theater while preparatory work continues in the South Theater. Crews have also erected scaffolding in the South Theater to allow crews to begin wall panel installation.
- Installation of ceiling panels and millwork finishes continue in many areas and is nearly complete in meeting rooms and corridors near the Congressional Auditorium.
- 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 installed about 75 percent of the curved acoustic fabric ceiling panels in the Food Service area (photo next page).

**A view of the East Front Plaza taken from a time-lapse camera atop the Jefferson Building dome at noon on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006. In November, the prime exterior stone contractor will make a strong push to secure additional manpower to complete most of the plaza stone work by the end of the year.**

- In the East Front, crews continue installing ductwork, and 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 ongoing.
- 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.
- Final ceiling work related to the installation of 28 mechanical light fixture winches is occurring in the Congressional Auditorium and the scaffolding in the Auditorium is expected to be dismantled by mid-November.
- Ceiling millwork installation is nearing completion in two Congressional meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium. Floor stone installation is continuing in the lower lobby area west of the Auditorium
- Masons continue installation of pavers between the historic lanterns and fountains and along the East Capitol St. Extension.
- Utility crews continue to balance the CVC's 23 air handling units.

# Next Week – 11/6/06 – 11/10/06

**Workers install curved acoustic fabric ceiling panels in the Food Service area.**

## CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Masons will continue to set stones on the steps at the east end of the Great Hall 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 should near completion in the Food Service Area and continue in the upper and lower level corridors around the Great Hall.
- In the Exhibition Hall, crews are expected to begin installing finish panels. Workers will continue assembling the steel structure for the Wall of Aspirations.
- Senate Plaza paving work should be completed near the Senate triangle.

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