



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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A crew raises one of the two bronze doors for the North Orientation Theater visitor entrance. The entrance threshold is framed with burgundy sandstone (right of photo) to match similar stone work around both of the north and south entrances of the Capitol Rotunda.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 11/13/06 through 11/17/06**

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

- Stone masons are expected to complete installation of stone on the east side stairs in the Great Hall. Waterproofing on the fountains at the base of the east side stairs will begin this week.
- 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 millwork installation continues in the South Theater. Installation of bronze doors for the North Orientation Theater (see photo above).
- Crews will continue to finish the trim around ceiling panels in the Congressional Auditorium. All 28 light fixture mechanical winches have been installed. Scaffolding will begin to be dismantled next week.
- 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. The ceiling contractor has erected a scaffold to allow crews to begin framing the grid above the central stairs and escalator runs.



**In the Exhibition Hall, workers continue to build the structure that will house document cases and support nearly 20 tons of marble.**

- In the Exhibition Hall, workers continue to assemble the steel framework for the marble wall that will house historic documents (see photo above). Ceiling work continues along both the east and west sides of the Hall. Installation of marble on the south half of the “Wall of Aspirations” has begun.
- Masons continue to set stone to the exterior walls along the north side of the CVC entrance zone and the north entrance steps.
- The mechanical contractor has completed the chilled water balancing of the CVC’s air handling units. Steam is now available to all 23 units as well. Fully conditioned air is expected in the Great Hall early next week.

## **Next Week – 11/20/06 – 11/24/06**

### **CVC and East Front Plaza Work**

- Workers will continue waterproofing the fountains in the Great Hall. Concrete placements may occur late in the week.
- Floor stone installation will continue in corridors and lobby areas near the Congressional Auditorium, around the Great Hall, and in the Orientation Theaters.
- Crews will begin dismantling the scaffold in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Ceiling bulkhead work and plaster work will continue in the CVC entrance zones.
- Crews may begin assembling the steel support structure for the north half of the “Wall of Aspirations” in the CVC Exhibition Hall.
- Installation of kitchen equipment will continue in the Food Service Area.
- Millwork installation will continue in the South Orientation Theater.
- Installation of bronze doors for the Orientation Theaters.
- Ceiling grid installation will continue in the East Front transition zone.
- Exterior stone work will continue along the face of the CVC entrance zone.
- Ceiling close-in inspections, stone installation, and ceiling panel installation will occur in the Senate Expansion Space.
- Crews will continue installing metal framework for bulkheads in the House Committee Hearing Room.

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