



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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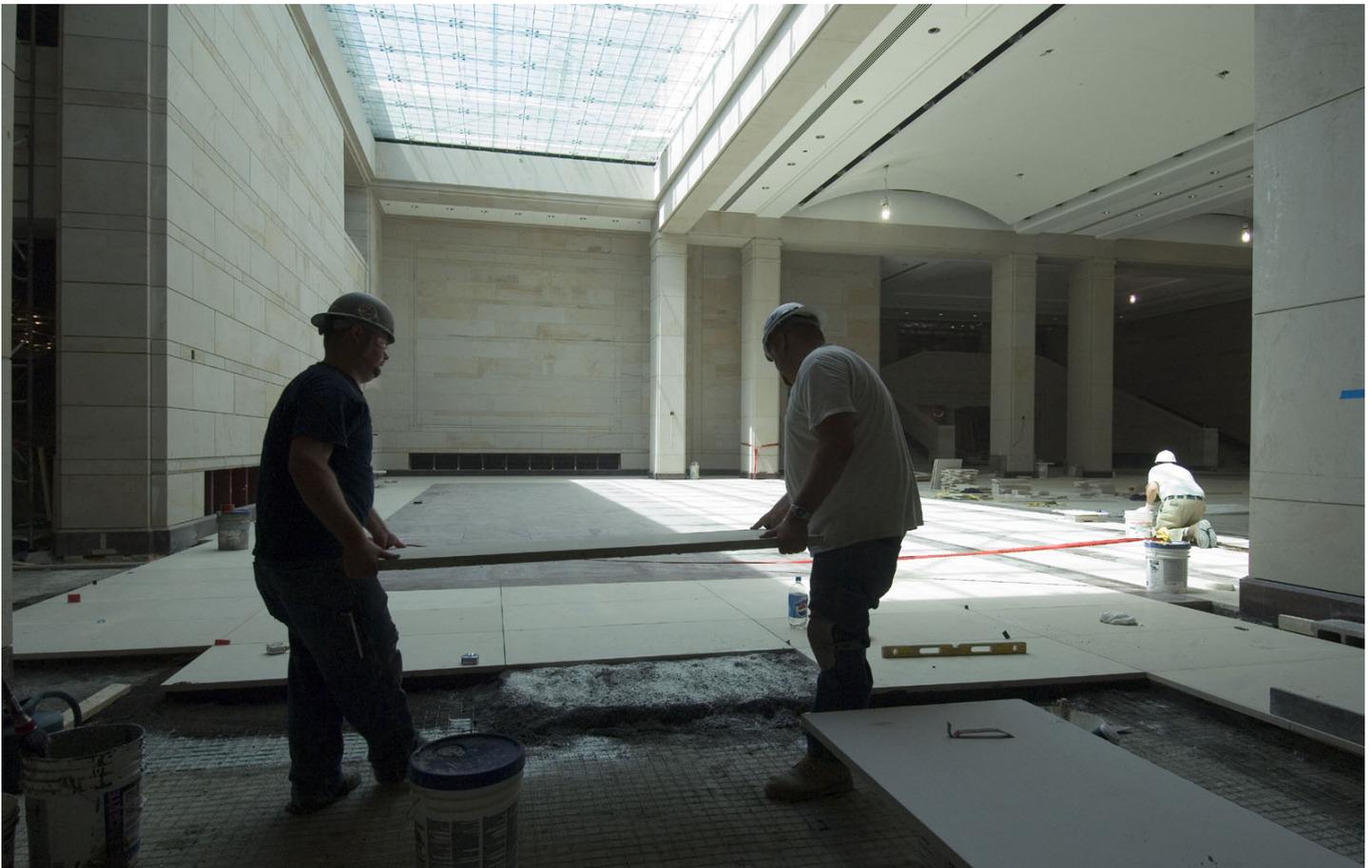


Workers position a wood acoustic ceiling panel to the ceiling grid in the North Orientation Theater.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 9/4/06 through 9/8/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Mason teams have now set all of the floor stone in the Great Hall and are now setting stone in the threshold transitions from the Great Hall leading to the Food Service Area and the adjacent corridors.
- Masons have nearly completed setting stone in the Crypt level within the East Front transition zone and stone installation is complete on the basement level. Crews continue installation of the metal framework that will support the stone on the Rotunda and Gallery levels. Masons will continue to reinstall the original marble panels in the East Front.
- In the Exhibition Hall, masons have completed setting floor and wall stone. A final coat of ceiling paint has been applied and crews have now dismantled the scaffold throughout the space. This week, workers will begin assembling the steel support system for the marble “Wall of Aspirations,” which will house approximately 50 historic documents.
- A millwork contractor will continue to install wood ceiling panels inside the North and South Orientation Theaters (see photo above). The ceiling work should be completed by late-September clearing the way for crews to dismantle the scaffolding and install the final acoustic wood panels to the theater walls.
- Floor stone installation is nearly complete in the upper level lobby just outside the South Orientation Theater.
- Workers have completed installation of bronze railings at the upper level of the atrium near the Congressional Auditorium.



With floor stone complete in the Great Hall, masons are now focusing on completing the stone in adjacent threshold zones and corridors.

- Stone installation is complete in both the House and Senate stairwell atria walls on all three levels. The scaffolding has been removed in both atria clearing the way for construction of a two-story blockwall that will rise along the eastern side of both atria. These blockwalls will be ornamented with stone and provide a backdrop for open circular staircases that connect all three levels within each of the House and Senate expansion spaces.
- Ceiling drywall installation is complete in the Food Service area and crews have begun installing light fixtures and the framework for curving soffits that will support acoustic fabric ceiling panels.
- Near the House Steps crews completed paver installation and placement of an aggregate concrete to restore the sidewalk at the southeast corner of the Capitol leading to the House Carriageway and the South Door.
- On the Senate Plaza, masons continue to set bricks around the Senate Triangle to restore its historic characteristics.
- Landscape crews planted shrubs around the four skylights along the western side of the site closer to the face of the Capitol.
- As of early September, 11 of the CVC's 21 air handling units have been brought on line.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- Demolition crews continue work in the transition zone between the Jefferson Building and the LOC tunnel.

Next Week – 9/11/06 – 9/15/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work

- Installation of millwork will continue in the North and South Orientation Theaters.
- Floor stone installation will continue in areas adjacent to the Great Hall.
- Crews will continue assembling the steel support system for the Exhibit Hall's "Wall of Aspirations."
- Stone installation will continue in the main upper-level lobby just east of the Orientation Theaters.
- Exterior metal framework installation and wall stone work will resume at the CVC entrance zone.
- Mechanical system crews will continue to bring air handling units on line.

(See the following two pages for photos of recently completed or ongoing activities.)



Clockwise from top: (1) A worker pulls electrical lines through the ceiling grid in a corridor along the south side of the Great Hall. (2) A mason sets yellow bricks along a portion of the curb near the Senate Steps to match the historic curb design used throughout much of Capitol Hill. (3) Masons set a dolemite stepping stone to the stair at the northwest side of the Great Hall. (4) In the Food Service Area, workers install the ceiling framework that will support curving acoustic fabric panels. When completed, the Food Service Area will accommodate approximately 550 seats, comparable to the seating areas in both the Longworth Building Cafeteria and the North Servery in the Senate Dirksen Office Building.





Clockwise from top: (1) During the August recess workers set granite paving stones to restore the sidewalk and curb line leading to the House Steps and Carriageway. (2) A view of an atrium that will be home to a large spiral staircase connecting all three levels of the House Expansion Space. (3) Flanked by the CVC's two large Great Hall skylights, the American flag atop the dome is illuminated by the rising sun. (4) In the CVC's Exhibition Hall, workers dismantle the scaffold that provided a platform for ceiling work and painters. A metal support system will soon be erected within the steel grid (center of photo) to support a curving marble wall that will house 40-50 historic documents. (5) Landscapers plant shrubs around one of the four skylights along the west side of the East Front Plaza.