



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Workers install the steel framework that will support a curving marble wall in the Exhibition Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 9/18/06 through 9/22/06**

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

- Mason teams continue setting stone in the corridors adjacent to the Great Hall and in the threshold transitions from the Great Hall leading to the Food Service Area. Installation of bronze rails at the upper level of the Great Hall was completed.
- In the East Front crews have resumed installation of the metal framework that will support the stone at the Rotunda and Gallery levels along the west walls.
- In the Exhibition Hall the scaffold has been dismantled and workers have begun erecting the steel framework that will support the marble “Wall of Aspirations,” which will house 40 to 50 historic documents down the center of the Hall (see photo above).
- A millwork contractor is nearing completion of the installation of wood ceiling panels inside the North Orientation Theater and has begun installing panels in the South Theater. The ceiling work should be completed by mid-October clearing the way for crews to dismantle the scaffolding and install the final acoustic wood panels to the theater walls.
- Floor stone installation is complete in the lobby just outside the South Orientation Theater. Crews will continue working from that location heading east toward the south CVC entrance zone.
- Masons continue to install floor stone in the lobby area just beyond the CVC entrance zone.



Workers spread out newly poured concrete for the foundation of a sidewalk around the Senate-side seat wall.

- Workers have completed installation of bronze railings at the upper level of the atrium near the Congressional Auditorium.
- 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 block wall 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 continue installing light fixtures and the framework for curving soffits that will support acoustic fabric ceiling panels. Installation of the finish ceiling panels is expected to begin next week.
- Millwork installation may begin in two Congressional meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium.
- Masons have resumed work on the historic seatwalls around the House and Senate large oval grass panels.
- In the expansion spaces, crews continue to prepare walls and ceilings for close-in inspections.

## **Next Week – 9/25/06 – 9/29/06**

### **CVC, East Front Plaza Work**

- Installation of millwork will continue in the South Orientation Theater. Crews may begin dismantling the scaffold in the North Orientation Theater.
- Floor stone installation will continue in areas adjacent to the Great Hall and the Orientation Theaters
- Installation of finish ceiling panels may begin in the Food Service Area.
- 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.

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