



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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At the eastern end of the CVC project site, workers place concrete for a curving retaining wall that will be lined with granite stone. Exterior work will increase later this winter and early spring as landscaping activities and exterior finish stone work will be the dominant CVC project activities.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 1/8/07 through 1/12/07

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers have completed placing concrete and water proofing in the water fountains at the base of the Great Hall stairs on the east side of the Hall. Stone installation may begin later this week or early next week.
- Stone installation is nearly complete in both Orientation Theaters. Workers continue to install millwork and fabric wall panels. A carpet mockup will be set up this week for a quality review. If the mockup is approved, the first carpet installation in the CVC will begin in the North Orientation Theater next week.
- Masons continue setting stone at the upper level lobby just outside the North Orientation Theater.
- In the Exhibition Hall, masons have completed setting marble to the south Wall of Aspirations and installation of stone continues on the north wall. Work on the ceilings of the virtual House and Senate Theater continues with the installation of lighting elements in the ceiling soffits and final mechanical and electrical work. Installation of the central glass floor is expected to begin within the next two weeks.
- Drywall installation continues at the Rotunda level in the East Front of the Capitol and stone layout is nearly complete. The installation of the first of 4,700 stones in the East Front will begin later this week.
- Masons continue to set stone to the exterior walls and columns along the CVC entrance zone and have completed most of the stone work along the north entrance approaches.



Workers install a bronze railing to a staircase in the Great Hall. Water features at the base of the Great Hall stairs remain the last major architectural element to be completed. That work is expected to be finished by the end of January.

- Stone crews continue setting pavers on the concrete slabs of the tree-lined stepped entrance walkway that slopes down from First Street to the north side CVC entrance. Sixteen of the 18 landings have been completed.
- Crews have completed the formwork for concrete slabs in the water fountain feature around the north skylight above the Great Hall.
- In the Food Service Area, installation of kitchen equipment continues. Carpet installation will begin in January in the seating area.
- Workers have begun to install large 8'x26' door panels for the projection screen in the Congressional Auditorium.

Next Week – 1/15/07 – 1/19/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Ceiling work will continue in the East Front transition zone above the main stairs and escalator paths. Scaffolding may be dismantled clearing the way for installation of escalators.
- In the Great Hall, masons will set stone in the water fountains at the base of the staircases.
- Carpet installation is expected to begin in the North Orientation Theater.
- Crews will continue assembling formwork for concrete floor slabs in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Ceiling and bulkhead work will continue in the north CVC entrance zone.
- Installation of kitchen equipment will continue in the Food Service Area.
- Masons will continue setting stone along the CVC entrance zone.
- Workers will run electrical conduit in the floor of the Congressional Auditorium.
- Stone work is expected to begin in the East Front at the Rotunda level.

For additional information about the CVC project, contact the project communications officer, Tom Fontana, at tfontana@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.