



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Inside the North Orientation Theater, carpet installers lay padding for carpeting on the uppermost seat tier marking the first carpet installation to occur anywhere in the CVC. Carpet installation is expected to be completed in both the North and South Theaters early in February. Inset: Workers continue to install wood and fabric wall panels in both theaters.



This Week – Ongoing Work – 1/15/07 through 1/19/07

- Carpet installation has begun inside the North Orientation Theater (see photo above).
- Stone installation is nearly complete in both Orientation Theaters. Workers continue to install millwork and fabric wall panels.
- Workers are completing ceiling work above the staircase and escalator paths in the transition zone between the East Front of the Capitol and the CVC. Scaffolding may be removed next week clearing the way for escalator installation to begin.
- 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, plaster and painting, and final mechanical and electrical work. Installation of the central glass floor is expected to begin within the next two weeks.
- Stone layout is nearly complete in the East Front of the Capitol at the Rotunda level and stone installation is expected to 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.
- Masons continue setting floor tiles in the Food Service servery area (see top photo, next page).



A stone mason lays tile in the Food Service servery area. More than 500 people can be seated in the Food Service Area at one time.

- Workers have completed installation of the large projection screen door panels in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Masons continue installation of floor and wall stone in the House and Senate Expansion spaces. Millwork installation is nearly complete in the lowest level of the House Expansion Space while plaster and painting work continues throughout much of the Senate Expansion Space.

Next Week – 1/22/07 – 1/26/07

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 will continue in the Orientation Theaters and may begin in the Food Service Area.
- Crews will continue assembling formwork for concrete floor slabs in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of kitchen equipment and floor tiles will continue in the Food Service Area. Carpet installation may begin.
- 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 continue in the East Front at the Rotunda level.



Workers assemble some of the steel support structure for one of two glass walls that will enclose the central carriageway below the East Front Center Steps. The walls will help secure the transition zone that connects the CVC and the Capitol while allowing natural light to illuminate the central stair and escalators.

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