



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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A spiral staircase winds down through all three floors of the Senate Expansion Space. The House Expansion Space features a similar staircase.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 2/26/07 through 3/2/07

- Carpet and chair installation is complete in the North and South Orientation Theaters. Workers have also installed all of the main millwork and fabric wall panels in both theaters and continue installing bronze railings.
- Masons continue setting an average of 80 sandstone blocks per day in the East Front of the Capitol. The entire East Front transition zone encompasses approximately 4,700 pieces of stone. The area will be completed later this spring.
- The escalator contractor has installed all four escalator trusses into the transition zone (two trusses combine to make one escalator) and have begun installing the secondary mechanical elements to bring the escalators to an operational status. Meanwhile, masons continue floor stone installation in the upper level west lobby in the area previously occupied by the escalators. Ceiling drywall installation and plaster work continue at the Crypt level.
- In the Exhibition Hall, drywall is complete in the virtual House and Senate Theaters. Installation of marble is complete on the Wall of Aspirations and workers are completing the application of grout between the slab joints. Crews continue installing the glass floor panels down the center of the hall, while electricians install and test some of the lighting elements in the Hall's central ceiling soffits.
- Masons continue setting granite floor tiles in the Food Service servery area. Carpet installation is complete in the three main seating areas and floor tile work will be completed around these areas within the next two weeks. Cabinetry installation is ongoing throughout the servery area (see top photo opposite page).
- Installation of fabric panels is complete in two meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium and millwork is nearly complete. Carpet installation is expected to begin in these rooms in early March.
- Masons have completed most of the stone work along the north entrance approaches and continue to set stone to the façade of the south entrance and the walls alongside the south entrance stair (see small photo opposite page).



In the CVC's Food Service Area, a carpenter installs cabinetry components in the food servery area. The primary seating area is at left.

- Workers have nearly completed installation of electrical, telecom wiring below the Congressional Auditorium floor.
- Steel and concrete work is nearly complete for the structure of a spiral staircase in the Senate Expansion Space.
- Millwork is nearing completion on the lower level of the House Expansion Space and carpenters are now beginning similar work in the Senate spaces.

Next Week – 3/5/07 – 3/9/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Escalator assembly will continue in the transition zone between the CVC and the East Front of the Capitol. Ceiling work will continue at the Crypt level and stone installation will continue at the Rotunda level.
- In the Great Hall, masons will continue setting stone in the water fountains at the base of the staircases.
- Workers will continue installing the five-foot-square thick glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall. Ceiling panel installation will continue and installation of document cases may begin late in the week.
- Installation of bronze railings will continue in the South Theater.
- Crews will continue to install wiring, ductwork and other sub-floor components in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of kitchen equipment, cabinetry and granite floor tiles will continue in the Food Service Area.
- Masons will continue setting exterior stone along the south side CVC entrance zone.
- Floor stone installation will continue in the upper level west lobby at the base of the CVC transition zone.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.



A mason guides a large block of granite into position near the CVC's south side entrance zone.

For additional information about the CVC project, contact the project communications officer, Tom Fontana, at fontana@aac.gov or visit the project web site at www.aac.gov. Be sure to click on the "Capitol Visitor Center" link on the homepage.