



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Masons set floor stone in one of the CVC's two gift shops, which are located on the visitor out-flow corridors on the upper level.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 3/5/07 through 3/9/07**

- Masons have completed setting the granite floor tiles in the Food Service servery area and carpet installation is complete in the three main seating areas. Cabinetry installation is complete and workers are now installing the various cabinet components, including doors, hardware and bronze elements.
- In the Exhibition Hall, drywall is complete in the virtual House and Senate Theaters. Installation of marble is complete on the center wall and workers have begun installing the document cases in both sides of the wall. Crews continue installing the glass floor panels down the center of the hall and ceiling panel installation has begun along the east side of the hall.
- Installation of bronze railings is nearly complete in the North Orientation Theater. The bronze fabrication contractor is now increasing its focus on making the bronze doors that are required throughout the CVC.
- Masons continue setting an average of 80 sandstone blocks per day in the East Front of the Capitol and stonework now rises some 20 feet at several locations. This work is tracking for an early summer finish.
- In the East Front transition zone the escalator contractor continues 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 and remediation of lead-based paint in floor alcoves has been completed at this level.
- Installation of fabric panels is complete in two meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium and millwork is nearly complete. Carpet installation has begun in the north side meeting room.
- 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. Masons also are setting granite pavers along the south side stepped walkway below the two rows of trees. Workers have begun placing the gravel bed for the north entrance ramp. Concrete placements for the ramp may begin next week. An aggregate sidewalk, similar to other sidewalks around the Capitol campus, will mark the finished surface.
- Workers have nearly completed installation of electric and telecom wiring below the Congressional Auditorium floor.

- Steel and concrete placements are nearly complete for the structure and slabs of a spiral staircase in the Senate Expansion Space. Three of four staircase “runs” are in place for the spiral stair in the House Expansion Space.

## **Next Week – 3/12/07 – 3/16/07**

### **CVC and East Front Plaza Work**

- Floor stone installation will continue in the upper level west lobby at the base of the CVC transition zone and into the elevator lobby at that level.
- 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 glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall. Ceiling panel and document case installation will continue.
- Installation and testing of speaker components will continue in both Orientation Theaters.
- Crews will complete installation of wiring, ductwork and other sub-floor components in the Congressional Auditorium and the concrete floor panels will be re-installed.
- Installation of kitchen equipment and cabinetry components will continue in the Food Service Area.
- Masons will continue setting exterior stone along the south side CVC entrance zone and may begin placing concrete for the north side entrance ramp.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.



**Workers set a glass floor panel on a steel grid inside the CVC Exhibition Hall. The panels will be illuminated from below, providing a soft glow around the central Wall of Aspirations.**



**New sandstone now flanks the original 1824 sandstone inside the East Front Extension of the Capitol. The original sandstone had been hidden behind drywall when the East Front of the Capitol was extended 32.5 feet between 1958 and 1962, when the Capitol grew by nearly 100,000 square feet.**

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