



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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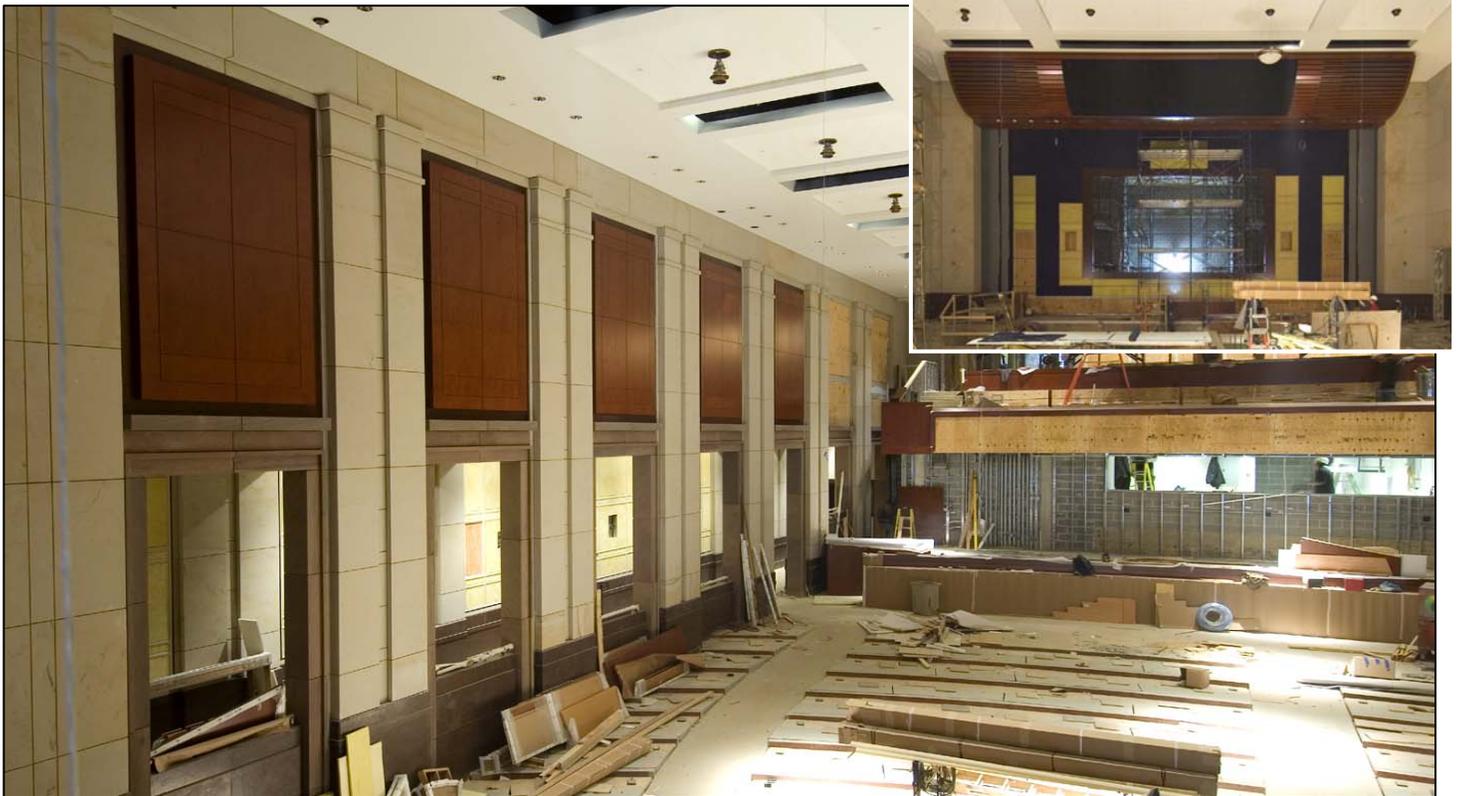
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Workers level off newly placed concrete for the north pedestrian ramp. Inset photo top right: Before the concrete cures, gravel will be added to the top layer to give the ramp a similar look and feel to the pebbled “aggregate” sidewalks throughout the Capitol campus.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/23/07 through 4/27/07

- Masons continue setting wall stone in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol.
- Masons are expected to set the last few remaining pieces of sandstone in the escalator transition zone this week. The remaining plaster ceiling work in the Carriageway, just inside the newly installed glass enclosures, is expected to resume later in the week.
- Ceiling plaster work and painting are nearly complete at the Crypt level within the East Front transition zone. Installation of base stone along the original 1824 face of the Capitol is ongoing. This façade was hidden behind plaster when the Capitol was extended between 1958 and 1962. Floor lighting will illuminate some of the original sandstone.
- Masons will complete floor stone work in the upper level north corridor adjacent to the Great Hall. This is the last major area of floor stone work to be completed within the CVC. Some masons have moved to the north stairwell atrium.
- Millwork is ongoing for the upper level panels in the Congressional Auditorium and 10 of 14 panels are now installed. The millwork for a curving ceiling wall in front of the Auditorium speakers is also complete and millwork is ongoing in the lower and upper level seating areas at both ends of the Auditorium (see photos on next page).
- In the Exhibition Hall, plaster workers have completed work on the decorative walls, ceiling panels and columns in the virtual House and Senate Theaters. A paint crew has begun the seven-step faux marble painting process on the plaster columns in the Virtual Senate Theater. Painting is expected to be completed in both theaters by mid-May.



Millwork installation is progressing on both levels in the Congressional Auditorium. Ten of 14 upper level wall panels are in place (top left) while carpenters continue to install millwork to the low walls in the rear lower level and balcony seating zones (right center). Inset top right: A curving upper level wall at the front of the theater houses the bulk of the Auditorium's robust speaker system.

- Masons have completed the exterior stone work on the walls flanking the north and south monumental stairs and along the north and south entrance approaches. Masons have also completed the wall stone along the face of the CVC entrance zones. Concrete crews have placed approximately half of the aggregate concrete sidewalk for the north entrance ramp and are now working on the south entrance ramp as other grading activities occur on the north side.
- The stonework for the six historic Olmsted lanterns is complete. Masons will soon begin setting gray and rose-colored granite stone around two elevator towers in the center of the Plaza.
- Installation of Six of eight exterior 12-foot-high bronze doors is complete at the CVC north entrance.
- Installation of bronze railings and floor stone work on the House and Senate spiral staircase landings will continue through May. Bronze doors are in place in the lower level thresholds between the CVC and the expansion spaces.
- Mechanical contractors are expected to continue testing and balancing the air handling systems for the Food Service Area and be complete next week. Meanwhile, the crews continue installing air handling components throughout the facility and have begun preparatory balancing activities in the House and Senate Expansion Spaces.

Next Week – 4/30/07 – 5/4/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Floor stone installation will near completion in an upper level corridor on the north side of the Great Hall.
- Wall stone installation will continue in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol.
- Workers are expected to continue installing the specially-cut glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall. A faux marble painting process will continue in the Virtual Senate Theater and begin in the Virtual House Theater.
- In the Congressional Auditorium millwork installation will continue on the upper level wall panels and in the upper and lower level seating areas at both ends of the Auditorium
- Mechanical crews are expected to complete testing and balancing the air handlers for the Food Service Area.
- Workers will continue placing the aggregate concrete for the south pedestrian ramp.
- Installation of bronze doors will continue at the CVC south entrance.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.

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