

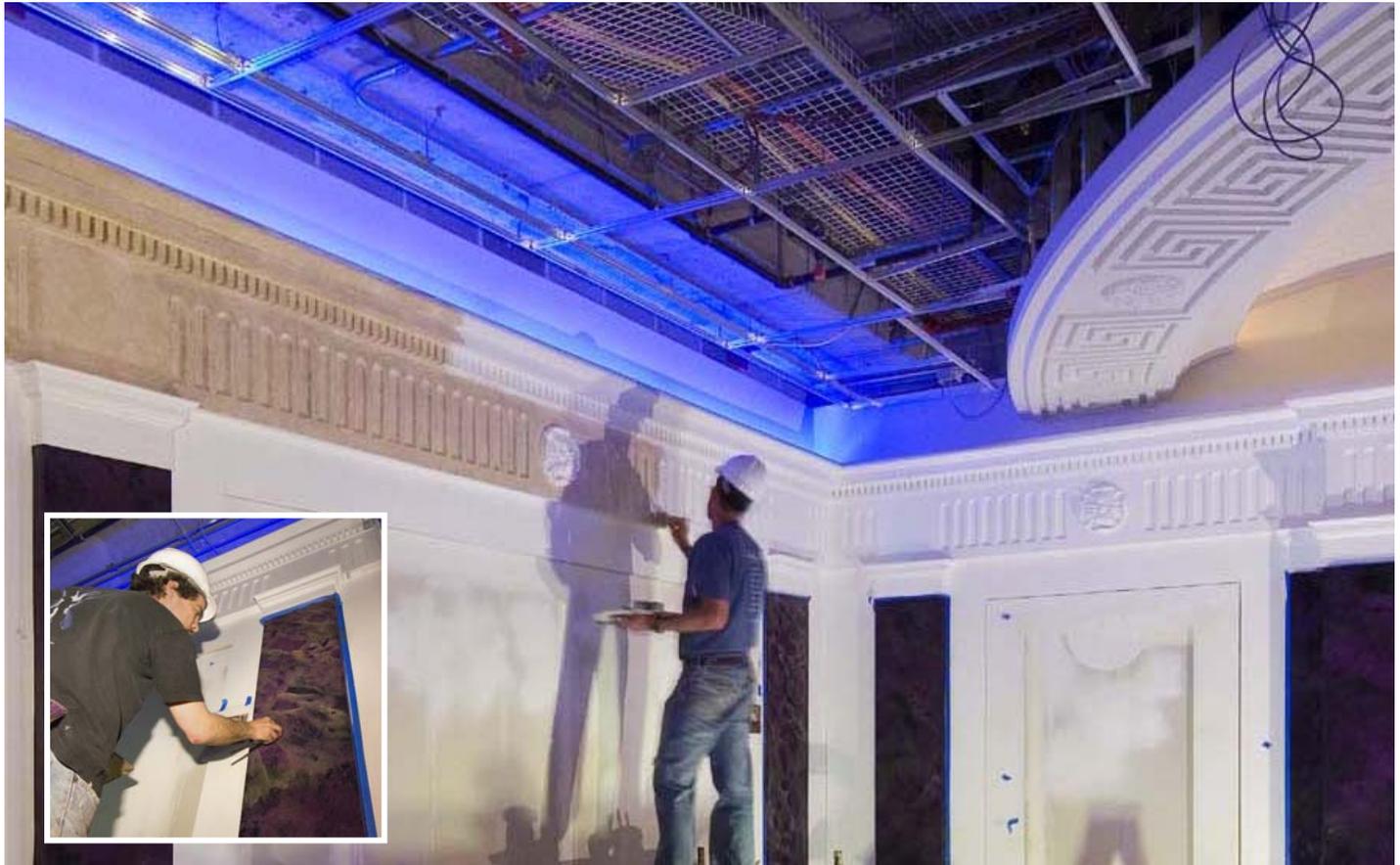


United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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In the CVC Exhibition Hall, painters apply faux marble finishes to ornamental molding and columns (inset) in the Virtual Senate Theater.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/30/07 through 5/4/07

- 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.
- Masons completed floor stone work in the upper level north corridor adjacent to the Great Hall last week and are now focusing on the House and Senate stairwell atria. Work is already nearly complete on all three landings in the Senate atrium and the masons are expected to move to the House Atrium next week.
- Millwork is ongoing throughout both levels of the Congressional Auditorium.
- 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 is working on the seven-step faux marble painting process on the plaster molding and columns in the Virtual Senate Theater (see photos above). Painting is expected to be completed in both theaters by mid-May. Marble “essay” panels are being installed in the Wall of Aspirations. Millwork installation in the Virtual House Theater will be completed this week.
- 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.



A welder secures two pieces of metal railing for a spiral staircase in the Senate Expansion Space. A skylight illuminates the atrium.

- The stonework for the six historic Olmsted lanterns is complete. Masons have begun setting base granite stone around the south exterior elevator tower above the CVC's south entrance.
- An audio-visual contractor began installing the three large media racks for the South Orientation Theater.
- Floor stone work and installation of staircase railings in the House and Senate spiral staircase atria will continue through May (see photo above).
- Installation of eight exterior 12-foot-high bronze doors is complete at the CVC north entrance (see photo below).
- Mechanical contractors will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling systems.

Next Week – 5/7/07 – 5/11/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Floor stone installation will near completion in the Senate stairwell atrium and is expected to begin in the House stairwell atrium.
- 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 House Theater.
- In the Congressional Auditorium millwork installation will continue in the upper and lower level seating areas at both ends of the Auditorium.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system.
- Workers will continue preparing the south pedestrian ramp for placement of concrete aggregate sidewalks.
- Installation of bronze doors will continue at the CVC south entrance pending the completion of threshold work.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.
- Masons will continue installing stone around the south exterior elevator on the East Front Plaza.
- Installation of metal ceiling grids will continue in upper level egress corridors.



Workers install 12-foot-high bronze doors at the CVC's north entrance zone.

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