



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Workers secure drywall to the ceiling grid inside one of the CVC's two gift shops. Sandstone columns line the perimeter of the space.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 5/7/07 through 5/11/07

- Masons continue setting wall stone in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol. Floor stone installation at the Crypt level is expected later in May.
- Masons have completed stone installation in the East Front transition zone and have completed the necessary electrical work to clear the way for installation of the remaining plaster in this zone. Once completed next week, the scaffolding will be removed clearing the way for floor stone installation below in an elevator lobby area.
- Installation of base stone along the original 1824 face of the Capitol is complete and wall stone is progressing.
- Masons continue work in the House and Senate stairwell atria. Work is essentially complete on all three landings in the Senate atrium and some mason teams are now working in the House atrium. Upon completion of this space later this month, the masons will move to the East Front of the Capitol to complete the last remaining major blocks of floor space in the CVC project.
- Millwork is ongoing throughout both levels of the Congressional Auditorium.
- In the Exhibition Hall, a paint crew continues working on the faux marble painting process on some of the decorative plaster elements in both the Virtual House and Senate Theaters. Painting is expected to be completed in both theaters by mid-May. Marble “essay” panels have been installed in the Wall of Aspirations and a floor crew is expected to resume installation of the glass floor panels down the center of the Hall.
- Elevator technicians are now installing the cab components for the two elevators on the East Front Plaza.
- Air handling systems testing and balancing is complete in the Food Service Area, the Great Hall and the two Orientation Theaters.



Inside the CVC Exhibition Hall, a painter applies a faux marble finish to columns inside the Virtual House Theater.

- Masons have also completed the wall stone along the face of the CVC entrance zones and are working on the low-rise walls at the base of the triangular grass panel that slopes down from First Street.
- Crews have begun to install new irrigation system in the Senate egg.
- Crews will install a temporary irrigation line to the House triangle to allow for placement of sod later this month.
- An audio-visual contractor continues installing the media racks for the Orientation Theaters.
- Workers are installing the bronze wall panels around the elevators in the Orientation Theaters.
- Installation of eight exterior 12-foot-high bronze doors is complete at the CVC north entrance and work is now progressing at the south entrance.

Next Week – 5/14/07 – 5/18/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Floor stone installation is expected to be complete in the Senate stairwell atrium and additional crews will continue the work at the House stairwell atrium. Masons will move to the East Front of the Capitol upon completion of the stairwell atria.
- Wall stone installation will continue in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol.
- Workers are expected to continue installing the glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall. A faux marble painting process will continue work in the Virtual House Theater.
- In the Congressional Auditorium millwork installation will near completion in the upper and lower level seating areas at both ends of the Auditorium. A flooring contractor will continue installing wood floor panels in the seating area.
- 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.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.
- Plaza elevator installation will continue.
- Installation of decorative light fixtures and bronze doors will continue in several corridors.

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