



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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In the CVC Exhibition Hall, a worker installs a component to one of eight display cases that are situated on the back side of the Wall of Aspirations. The cases define historical alcoves that highlight Capitol and Congressional history in six blocks of time, dating from 1793 to present day. The cases will include images, documents, artwork and Congressional artifacts. Video monitors in each alcove will show brief films that focus on the key moments in legislative history that occurred within each block of time.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 6/4/07 through 6/8/07**

- Masons continue setting wall stone in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol and are now working on the upper courses of stone at the Gallery Level. Stone installation will begin around the Rotunda Door.
- Workers have completed plaster and paint work in the Carriageway within the East Front transition zone. The scaffolding has been removed and masons are now installing floor stone adjacent to the escalators on either side of the central stair.
- Workers have begun installing the bronze arm pendants that will support the light fixtures in the Great Hall.
- Millwork is nearing completion on both levels of the Congressional Auditorium and wood floor installation is ongoing.
- In the Exhibition Hall, a paint crew has completed the faux marble painting process on some of the decorative plaster elements in both the Virtual House and Senate Theaters. A case fabricator continues assembling the House and Senate cases along the back side of the Wall of Aspirations (see photo above) while an exhibit contractor has begun installing display support components inside the cases. Installation of glass floor panels is expected to resume next week.
- Elevator technicians continue installing the cab components for the two elevators on the East Front Plaza. Masons continue to install the stone around each elevator.
- Installation of carpeting and seat components is ongoing in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Air handling systems testing and balancing is continuing in corridors along both sides of the Great Hall.
- An audio-visual contractor continues installation of the media racks for the Orientation Theaters.
- Scaffold has been erected in the North Orientation Theater to allow the millwork contractor to replace some defective ceiling panels. The ceiling panels are arriving this week and the replacement process will begin next week.
- Installation of exterior bronze doors has been completed at the north and south CVC entrances.



A mason checks the level of a stone threshold piece above the exterior bronze Rotunda Doors. Wall stone installation in the East Front is progressing well and is nearing completion at both the Rotunda and Gallery levels.

## **Next Week – 6/11/07 – 6/15/07**

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

- Wall stone installation will continue in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol and masons are expected to begin preparing the Crypt level for floor stone installation, expected to begin by mid-June.
- Installation of stone countertops may begin in the CVC Restaurant pending the stone's arrival expected later this week.
- Workers are expected to continue installing case and display components in the Exhibition Hall and installation of the glass floor is expected to resume.
- Carpet and seat installation is expected to near completion in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.
- Plaza elevator installation will continue. Grading activities will continue on the sloping terrain near the CVC entrances to prepare the ground for sod placement and other landscaping later this summer.
- Installation of decorative light fixtures and bronze doors will continue in several corridors.
- Floor stone installation will continue at the House stairwell atrium. Stone installation will continue in the House Hearing Room while carpet installation continues in several areas. The contractor has begun preparing completion "punchlists" for the Senate Recording Studio and some lower level Senate spaces.



Landscapers plant shrubs to restore a portion of the House Triangle just south and east of the House Steps.

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