



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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On Friday, June 1, workers began installing some of the 450 seats in the Congressional Auditorium (inset photo). One week later, most of the seats at the ground level are in place while contractors continue to install wood flooring and carpet at the balcony level of the Auditorium.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 6/11/07 through 6/15/07**

- Masons are now setting wall stone cap pieces in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol and are now nearly 95 percent complete with wall stone installation. Floor stone installation is underway at the Crypt level.
- A glass contractor will install the last two remaining glass panels that will enclose and seal the Carriageway within the CVC transition zone. The glass panels allow natural light in while providing views of the House and Senate wings.
- Masons continue installing floor stone adjacent to the escalators on either side of the central stair within the East Front.
- Seat installation continues in the Congressional Auditorium (see photo above). Carpet installation continues as well.
- Workers continue installing the bronze light fixtures components in the Great Hall.
- In the Exhibition Hall, a case fabricator continues assembling the House and Senate cases along the back side of the Wall of Aspirations, including the large glass door components and the ornamental millwork.
- A plumbing contractor will begin preparing the CVC fountain pipes for operation so that final stone work can be completed in water features around the Great Hall skylights and at the base of the interior Great Hall stairs.
- Masons continue installing the stone around the two exterior Plaza elevators.
- 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.
- A millwork contractor has begun replacing some defective ceiling panels in the North Orientation Theater.

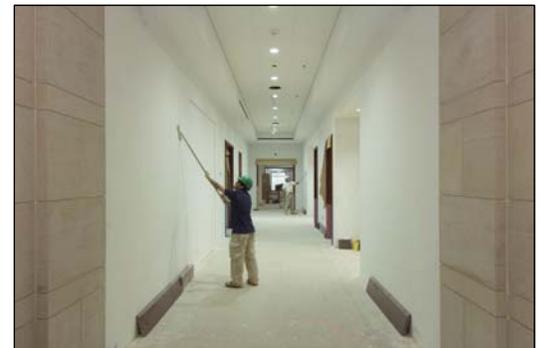


Bronze light fixture components have been installed in the south CVC entrance zone. Workers also continue installing mechanical components to some of the 1,700-pound bronze doors that can receive, along with the north entrance doors, more than 3,000 people per hour into the facility.

## **Next Week – 6/18/07 – 6/22/07**

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

- Wall stone installation will near completion within the East Front of the Capitol and masons will continue installing floor stone at the Crypt level.
- 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.
- Exterior elevator stone installation is expected to be completed. 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 fixture components will continue in several corridors and in the Great Hall.
- Stone installation will continue in the House Hearing Room while carpet installation continues in several areas. Carpet installation is nearly 75 percent complete in the House Radio and TV Gallery.
- The contractor has begun preparing completion "punchlists" for the Senate Recording Studio. Millwork is approximately 80 percent complete in Senate-side meeting rooms.



Many corridors and interior spaces within the House and Senate Expansion Spaces are nearing completion and will soon be available for "punchlist" inspections by the project design team.

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