



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Inside the CVC, floor protection is being removed in several areas as spaces are cleaned and prepared for inspection. Here, in the Great Hall, a worker washes an area of marble floor that will be home to the plaster cast of the Statue of Freedom that is currently located in the cellar rotunda of the Russell Senate Office Building. The cast is the original plaster model sculpted by Thomas Crawford in 1857. In addition to two large skylights, the Great Hall is also illuminated by 22 custom bronze light fixtures, which now have all been installed.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 7/9/07 through 7/13/07

- Wall stone installation is nearly complete in the East Front of the Capitol. Floor stone installation continues at the Crypt level and is 75 percent complete. Large sandstone columns have been installed at the Rotunda level.
- Workers have completed installing all 22 custom bronze light fixtures in the Great Hall.
- Floor protection covering is being removed in the Great Hall (see photo above) and the Exhibition Hall to allow the floor stone to be cleaned in preparation of the follow-on inspection process.
- All 16 custom bronze entrance doors have been installed at the CVC entrance zone.
- In the Exhibition Hall, carpenters have completed the installation of the decorative millwork to the House and Senate cases located along the back side of the Wall of Aspirations. Masons have installed the last remaining marble wall panels that will flank a 10-foot touchable model of the Capitol Dome. A flooring contractor continues installation of a raised glass floor and has completed the installation of the glass wall panels at the south end of the Hall.
- Carpet and millwork installation are nearing completion in the Congressional Auditorium (see photo next page).
- Masons continue laying pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to seatwalls around the House and Senate eggs.
- Air handling systems testing and balancing is continuing in the House and Senate Expansion Spaces.
- An audio-visual contractor continues testing the sound system for the South Orientation Theater.

- Millwork is nearly 80 percent complete in meeting rooms within the Senate Expansion Space and carpet installation is complete in the Senate Recording Studio. A crew continues to frame the underside of the three-level spiral staircase in the Senate Atrium.
- Carpet installation is complete in the House Radio and TV Gallery. Carpet installation is ongoing in the meeting rooms adjacent to the House Hearing Room. Painting is ongoing in corridors throughout the Expansion Spaces.
- Sod placements will continue in the Senate Egg to restore that zone to its pre-construction state (see photo below).

Next Week – 7/16/07 – 7/20/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Floor stone installation will continue within the East Front at the Crypt level. Wall stone installation is nearly complete in this zone.
- Workers will continue installing the glass floor and wall panels in the Exhibition Hall while an exhibit contractor continues installing interior display case components.
- Carpet, millwork and light fixture installation will continue in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system.
- Installation of wood and bronze doors will continue in several areas throughout the CVC.
- Exterior elevator stone 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 activities. Sod placements will continue in the Senate Egg. Crews will continue to install pavers in decorative patterns around the House and Senate Eggs. The paving patterns for these areas were inspired by patterns identified in photographs from the 1890s.
- Ceiling framework is expected to begin in the House Hearing Room.
- The contractor continues millwork installation in the Senate meeting rooms. Carpet installation is complete inside the Senate Recording Studio and in the House Radio and TV Gallery.



Landscape crews have been placing sod within the Senate Egg to restore the large grassy oval located east of the Senate wing to its pre-construction state.



Above: Crews are nearly complete installing carpet and millwork inside the Congressional Auditorium. Most of the Auditorium's floor level seating has also been installed. Above left: A worker adjusts some of the decorative millwork at the base of one of the history cases inside the Exhibition Hall. Left: Inside the House Expansion Space, painters apply a final coat of paint to a ceiling in a main corridor.

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