



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Inside the CVC Restaurant located just east of the Great Hall, workers recently installed all of the banquette seating components.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 7/23/07 through 7/27/07

- Wall stone installation is nearly complete in the East Front of the Capitol. Floor stone installation continues at the Crypt level and is 85 percent complete. Electricians have begun installing light fixture components in that area.
- Installation of banquette (high bench) seating components was completed in the CVC Restaurant (see photo above).
- Floor protection covering continues to be removed in areas adjacent to the Great Hall to allow the floor stone to be cleaned in preparation of the follow-on inspection process.
- Installation of custom bronze doors is nearly complete in the CVC entrance zones and adjacent corridors.
- In the Exhibition Hall, a contractor has nearly completed installation of a raised glass floor and will begin this week sealing the joints between all the glass panels. Installation of display case components continues (see top photo next page.)
- Carpet and millwork installation are nearing completion in the Congressional Auditorium. All of the seats have been installed at the lower level. The balcony level seating in the Auditorium will be installed in August. Millwork on the eight 28-foot-high panels in front of the projection screen is approximately 50 percent complete.
- Air handling systems testing and balancing is continuing in the House and Senate Expansion Spaces.
- A ceiling contractor has completed the replacement of millwork ceiling panels in the North Orientation Theater.
- Millwork is nearly 85 percent complete in meeting rooms within the Senate Expansion Space and carpet installation and wall base molding is complete in the Senate Recording Studio. A crew continues to frame the underside of the three-level spiral staircase in the House and Senate Stairwell Atria.
- 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 nearly complete in corridors throughout the Expansion Spaces.
- Sod placements have been completed in the Senate Egg to restore much of that landscape to its pre-construction state.
- A crew continues to install bronze railing elements along the pedestrian path adjacent to the House egg.
- Masons continue laying pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to seatwalls around the House and Senate eggs.



Inside the CVC Exhibition Hall, workers install a glass case that will display significant Congressional documents including acts or amendments.

Next Week – 7/30/07 – 8/3/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Floor stone installation will near completion at the Crypt level within the East Front. Light fixture installation will continue in this area.
- Workers will continue sealing the glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall while an exhibit contractor continues installing interior display case components.
- Millwork and light fixture installation will continue in the Congressional Auditorium. Seat installation may begin at the balcony level.
- 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. Installation of bronze doors is nearly 75 percent complete.
- Ceiling framework is expected to continue in the House Hearing Room.
- The contractor continues millwork installation in the Senate meeting rooms located within the Senate Expansion Space. Workers will continue installing the metal framework to the underside of the spiral staircases inside the House and Senate stairwell atria.
- Grading activities and installation of irrigation systems will continue on the sloping terrain near the CVC entrances to prepare the ground for sod placement and other landscaping activities. 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.



Workers lay decorative blue carpet in the north corridor inside the Congressional Auditorium.

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