



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Workers install a bronze railing along a stepped walkway leading to the south-side CVC entrance. Both the north and south-side walkways are lined with two rows of Tulip Poplar trees that revive the central portion of the historic landscape designed by Frederick Law Olmsted in 1874.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 8/6/07 through 8/10/07

- Wall stone installation is nearly complete in the East Front of the Capitol. Floor stone installation is complete at the Crypt level. Electricians have begun installing light fixture components in that area.
- Installation of stone countertops in the Food Service Area is expected to begin in August.
- Floor protection covering continues to be removed in corridors and other 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 complete in the CVC entrance zones and adjacent vestibule areas.
- In the Exhibition Hall, a contractor has nearly completed installation of a raised glass floor and will continue sealing the joints between all the glass panels. Installation of display case components continues. Photo mural images are now being installed within the House and Senate history alcove cases.
- Millwork installation is 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 is now complete on the eight 28-foot-high panels in front of the projection screen.
- 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 and scaffolding is now being erected in the South Orientation Theater. Clean-up activities have begun in the North Orientation Theater to prepare the space for follow-on inspections.



Installation of wall stone, seating, carpet, millwork and light fixture installation are nearly complete in the Congressional Auditorium.

- Millwork is nearly 90 percent complete in meeting rooms within the Senate Expansion Space and cabinetry components within the meeting rooms are now being turned over to electricians who will begin installing audio/visual components.
- A crew has completed the framework to the underside of the three-level spiral staircase in the Senate Stairwell Atria. Installation of drywall on the framework is ongoing.
- Carpet installation is complete in the House Radio and TV Gallery. Carpet installation is nearing completion in the meeting rooms adjacent to the House Hearing Room. Workers continue installing drywall to the ceiling framework in the House Hearing Room. Ceiling plaster work is ongoing.
- A crew continues to install bronze railing elements along the stepped walkways leading down to the CVC entrances.
- Masons have completed laying pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to the seatwall adjacent to the Senate egg. Work continues along the House egg. The original historical bronze lanterns are being installed in the Senate seatwall.

Next Week – 8/13/07 – 8/17/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Floor stone installation may begin at the Gallery level within the East Front.
- Workers will continue sealing the glass floor panels on the west side of the Exhibition Hall while an exhibit contractor continues installing interior display case exhibitry and lighting components.
- Millwork 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. The commissioning of the CVC's 23 air handling units has begun.
- Installation of wood and bronze doors will continue in several areas throughout the CVC.
- Ceiling framework will continue in the House Hearing Room. Carpet installation will near completion in the adjacent meeting rooms.
- The contractor continues millwork installation in the Senate meeting rooms located within the Senate Expansion Space. Workers will continue installing the drywall to the framework on the spiral staircase in the Senate and House stairwell atria.
- Crews will continue to install pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to the House egg. Installation of historic bronze lanterns in the House and Senate egg seatwalls will be completed.

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