



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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With all major CVC construction work 97 percent complete, the installation of bronze cladding around doors and windows is one of the few finishing activities still visible within the interior spaces. Protective materials have been removed from the floor stone throughout most of the facility.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 9/17/07 through 9/21/07**

- Clean-up crews continue to prepare interior spaces for the follow-on inspection process. Initial clean-up activities have been completed in the CVC entrance zones, the Exhibition Hall, the CVC Restaurant, the Great Hall, the upper-level east and west lobbies, and several corridors and stairwells.
- In the CVC Restaurant, masons are close to completing the installation of the stone countertops and initial punch-list inspections in this area have already been completed.
- In the Exhibition Hall, environmental readings in the Hall are ongoing in preparation of a 60-day testing process.
- Millwork, stone and carpet installations are essentially complete in the Congressional Auditorium. All but 20 of the Auditorium's 450 seats have been installed.
- Crews have begun to set pavers on the lower deck adjacent to the CVC's north entrance.
- Masons are nearly complete setting sandstone around the Rotunda Door (*see lower photo opposite page*), the last remaining wall stone in the East Front. Ceiling framing and follow-on drywall installation, plastering and light fixture installation at the Rotunda and Gallery levels will occur over the next several weeks.
- A crew has completed the plaster and paint work for the three-level spiral staircases in both the House and Senate stairwell atria. Workers are now installing the bronze hand rails for each staircase (*see top photo opposite page*).
- Masons have completed laying pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to the seatwall adjacent to the Senate egg and are nearing completion along the House seatwall. The original historical bronze lamp-posts have been installed in the House and Senate seatwall.
- Workers have nearly completed a cement ceiling in the carriageway zone between the two CVC entrance zones.
- Two trailers on the site have been relocated during the last two weeks to allow Plaza finishing activities to proceed.



Workers are now installing the bronze hand rails to the three-level spiral staircases in both the House and Senate Expansion spaces.

- All of the major plaster and stone work is complete in the tunnel to the Library of Congress and in the transition zone within the Jefferson Building. Once workers complete the ongoing installation of ceiling panels in the tunnel itself, a flooring crew will follow with the installation of a terrazzo floor throughout the length of the tunnel.

## **Next Week – 9/24/07 – 9/28/07**

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

- Masons will continue installing pavers at the CVC entrance zone at the base of the north-side entrance ramp.
- Environmental conditions within the CVC Exhibition Hall will continue to be monitored in preparation of a 60-day testing period for the Hall's environmental control systems.
- Masons are expected to complete setting the stone countertops on the server components in the CVC Restaurant.
- Ceiling framework is expected to continue at the Gallery level within the East Front. Stone installation around the Rotunda Door will be completed, marking the completion of all major wall stone work in the East Front transition zone.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's mechanical systems. Technicians will continue to test the CVC's complex fire and life-safety systems.
- Installation of bronze cladding will continue around door thresholds and window frames near the CVC entrance zone and the Congressional Auditorium. The majority of custom door installation work is now complete throughout the site.
- Workers will continue installing the bronze hand rails in the House and Senate stairwell atria before installing the terrazzo flooring.
- Installation of ceiling panels will continue in the LOC Tunnel.



**In the East Front of the Capitol, a mason applies grout between two stones that line the threshold of the Rotunda Door.**

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