



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Masons lay granite paving stones on the lower plaza near the CVC's north entrance zone. The work will progress southward through October.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 9/24/07 through 9/28/07

- In the Great Hall, masons have completed setting stone in the water features that lie at the base of the east staircases. This marks the completion of all major construction and finish work in the Great Hall (*see top photo opposite page*).
- Crews will continue to set pavers on the lower plaza area adjacent to the CVC's north entrance (*see photo above*).
- 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.
- The stone work for the Rotunda Door threshold is complete and masons are now setting the remaining adjacent wall stone, the last remaining wall stone in the East Front. Ceiling framing, 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.
- 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 completed the cement ceiling in the carriageway pedestrian underpass between the two CVC entrance zones.



Masons install a small black granite slab in a water feature at the base of a staircase in the Great Hall. Water will emerge through the gaps between the slabs and slowly cascade over the angled stone edge pieces (left and right) and then recirculate through the stone slabs. The stone work for both water features in the Great Hall is now complete marking the completion of all major finishes within that space.

- 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.

Next Week – 10/1/07 – 10/5/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Masons will continue installing granite pavers at the CVC entrance zone near the south doors.
- Some work trailers have been relocated allowing stonework and grading activities to continue at the northeast quadrant of the plaza near First Street NE.
- Ceiling framework is expected to continue at the Gallery level within the East Front.
- Masons will continue setting wall stone adjacent to the Rotunda Door on the second floor.
- 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 a three level marble "feature" wall has begun in the House stairwell atrium.
- Installation of ceiling panels may begin in the Library of Congress Tunnel.



Bronze letters are now being installed in the CVC to identify interior spaces.

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