



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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As interior finish work winds down throughout Capitol Visitor Center interior spaces, many areas, like this lobby space near the Congressional Auditorium, are ready for the final fire alarm testing process and the punch-list inspections by the project architects.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 10/1/07 through 10/5/07**

- 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.
- Crews will continue to set pavers on the lower plaza area between the CVC approach ramps and the north and CVC entrance zones. Masons will continue to move from the north to the south and should complete this work in October.
- Clean-up crews continue to prepare interior spaces for the follow-on inspection process (*see photo above and top photo next page*). 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 have completed 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. In the East Front transition zone between the Capitol and the CVC, electricians have completed the installation of seven decorative light fixtures.
- A crew has completed the plaster and paint work for the three-level spiral staircases in both the House and Senate stairwell atria. Masons have completed the marble feature wall in the Senate atrium and are nearly complete with the same work in the House atrium. Meanwhile, workers continue to install the bronze hand rails for each staircase.



Many interior spaces have been cleaned and are now being evaluated by the project team in preparation for final inspections.

- 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 seatwalls. Stone work for both exterior elevator towers is complete.
- Workers have completed the cement ceiling in the carriageway pedestrian underpass between the two CVC entrance zones.
- All of the major plaster and stone work is complete in the tunnel to the Library of Congress and in the portion of the transition zone that lies within the Jefferson Building. The last remnants of the construction fence around the northwest corner of the Jefferson Building have been removed and landscape restoration activities are nearly complete in that work zone.

## **Next Week – 10/8/07 – 10/12/07**

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

- Masons will continue installing granite pavers at the CVC entrance zone below the carriageway and will continue working southward toward the south entrance.
- Workers will near the completion of the drywall, plaster and ceiling work in the CVC's upper level west elevator lobby in preparation for the ceiling close-in inspections later this month.
- Installation of ceiling framework and ductwork components is expected to continue at the Gallery level within the East Front.
- Masons will continue finish wall stone adjacent to the Rotunda Door on the second floor pending the arrival of some ornate stones later this week.
- 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 will near completion in the House stairwell atrium.
- Installation of ceiling panels may begin in the Library of Congress Tunnel.



**Paint crews are busy applying the final coats of paint to interior spaces throughout the CVC.**

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