



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Installation of servery bins and kitchen equipment is ongoing in the CVC Restaurant. Crews have now completed the installation of all major finish materials (including stone, millwork, carpeting, doors and light fixtures) in the CVC public spaces and the Congressional Auditorium.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 10/15/07 through 10/19/07

- 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.
- Workers have installed all of the pre-cast concrete slabs around both Great Hall skylights. Ultimately, a 3-inch pool of water will slowly revolve around a field of black granite stone that will sit on top of the concrete supports slabs.
- In the Great Hall, electricians are installing electrical wire alongside some of the structural support cables below the skylights. The wire will provide power to small spotlights that will illuminate the floor space directly below the skylights during evening hours.
- At the CVC entrance zones, masons have completed setting pavers for the CVC's north entrance plaza and are now working on the south plaza.
- In a main lower level corridor on the north side of the CVC Restaurant, a crew has installed three of four bronze doors in the threshold that separates public space from Congressional space.
- In the CVC Restaurant, workers continue to install fixtures and stainless steel servery bins while professional cleaning crews continue to scrub and polish equipment in preparation for the follow-on inspections.
- In the East Front, ceiling framing is approximately 85 percent complete at the Gallery level and nearly 50 percent complete at the Rotunda level. Ceiling framework is nearly complete at the East Front elevator lobby in the upper level of the CVC directly below the Carriageway transition zone.



As construction work nears completion inside the CVC, palletes of stone and other materials are slowly disappearing from the East Front Plaza. Recently, workers completed the placement of pre-cast concrete slabs in the water features around both Great Hall skylights (center left and right). The slabs will support a field of polished black granite stone. Eventually, a thin pool of water will slowly revolve around the granite and fall off a drip edge on both sides before reaching the skylight glass or the outer seatwall.

- 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 setting the stone slabs for the front side of the marble feature walls in both atria. Metal workers continue to install the bronze hand rails for each staircase.
- Crews have now removed all of the materials and construction palletes on the west half of the plaza in preparation of the follow-on inspections and plaza repair work.
- Bronze workers continue to install bronze cladding around custom doors and window openings.
- 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. Masons are now completing the remaining stone work in the transition/screening zone just west of the Jefferson Building.

Next Week – 10/22/07 – 10/26/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Masons will continue installing granite pavers at the south end of the CVC entrance plaza.
- Workers will near completion of the ceiling work in the CVC's upper level west elevator lobby.
- Installation of ceiling framework is expected to be completed at the Gallery level within the East Front and the north side of the Rotunda level.
- 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 may begin in the Library of Congress Tunnel.

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