



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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A worker vacuums newly laid carpeting in one of the Food Service seating areas. Tile work surrounding these areas will be completed in February.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 2/5/07 through 2/9/07**

- Carpet and chair installation is complete in the North and South Orientation Theaters. Workers are now completing work on the millwork and fabric wall panels and have begun installing bronze railings. The millwork door frames have been installed in both theaters and the upper level solid wood exit doors will be installed later in February.
- Masons have completed setting most of the marble base stone in the East Front at the Rotunda level. Sandstone installation above the base stone has begun on the south side of this work zone.
- Workers have completed the ceiling work above the staircase and escalator paths in the transition zone between the East Front of the Capitol and the CVC. The escalator contractor has begun assembling the temporary platforms that will support the escalators until they are positioned completely into place by chain hoists. Masons have resumed setting the step stones on the upper portion of the central staircase. Ceiling drywall installation continues at the Crypt level.
- In the Exhibition Hall, plaster work is complete on the decorative ceilings above the virtual House and Senate Theaters. Drywall installation is complete on the House theater walls. Workers continue installing the glass floor panels in the center of the Hall around the Wall of Aspirations. Workers have completed installation of the central door frames and sliding panels and are now installing steel elements that will support the last remaining stone to be installed in the Hall.
- Masons continue setting granite floor tiles in the Food Service servery area. Carpet installation is complete in the three main seating areas and tile work will be completed around these areas within the next two weeks.
- Millwork is nearly complete in two meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium and carpet installation may begin within two weeks. Painters have applied the first coat of paint to the ceiling plaster and soffits in these meeting rooms.

- Masons have completed most of the stone work along the north entrance approaches and continue to set stone to the façade of the south entrance and the walls alongside the south entrance stair.
- Workers have completed placement of concrete floor panels in the Congressional Auditorium. Some of the floor panels have already been removed clearing the way for installation of electrical wiring below the floor.
- In House Expansion Space, workers have completed all structural steel work in the House Hearing Room and continue framing the ceiling. Steel support work for accordion partition walls is nearly complete in adjacent meeting rooms while millwork installation and painting continues in these areas. In Senate Expansion Space, ceiling grids are being installed in several meeting rooms and installation of projection system lifts will begin within the next two weeks. By the end of February, crews may begin carpet and door installation throughout the Senate Recording Studio on the upper level.

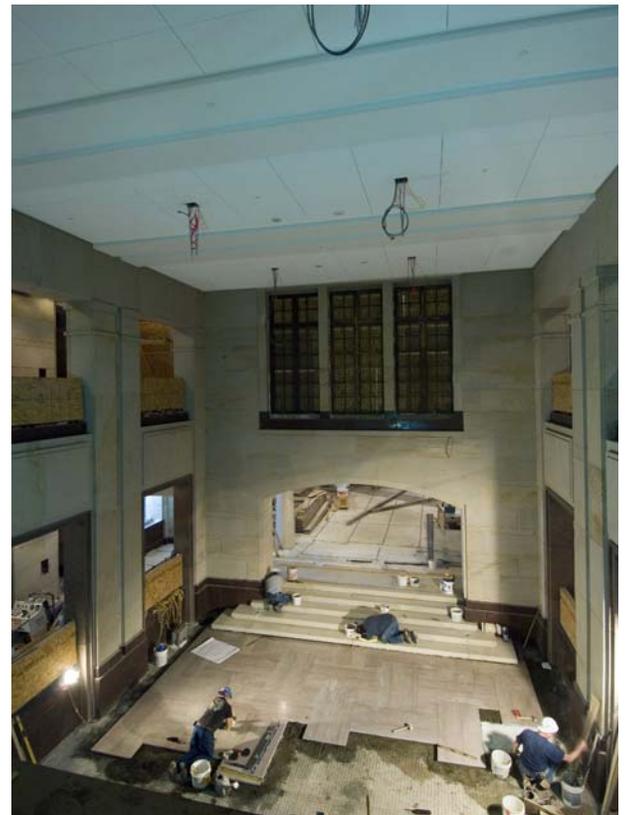


Near a stair leading to the Great Hall, workers measure connections points for a bronze railing.

## **Next Week – 2/12/07 – 2/16/07**

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

- Escalator installation will continue in the transition zone between the CVC and the East Front of the Capitol. Ceiling work will continue at the Crypt level and stone installation will continue at the Rotunda level.
- In the Great Hall, masons will continue setting stone in the water fountains at the base of the staircases.
- Workers will continue installing the five-foot-square thick glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall. Drywall and plaster work will continue along the walls of the virtual House and Senate Theaters. Ceiling panel installation will begin.
- Installation of bronze railings and finishing work to the wood and fabric wall panels will continue in both Orientation Theaters.
- Carpet installation may begin in meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium.
- Crews will complete removal of concrete floor slabs in the Congressional Auditorium. Electrical work will continue.
- Installation of kitchen equipment will continue in the Food Service Area. Installation of granite tiles will continue around carpeted areas. Kitchen ceiling panel installation will resume.
- Masons will continue setting exterior stone along the CVC entrance zone.
- Stone work will continue in the East Front at the Rotunda level. By the end of the month, masons will try to set stones at a pace of approximately 70 stones a day.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.



Stone masons set Tennessee Valley marble in a basket-weave pattern in an atrium space near the Congressional Auditorium.

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