



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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All major finish work is complete inside the CVC public spaces, including Emancipation Hall seen here. Large skylights at the north and south ends of the 20,000-square-foot hall allow natural light to fill interior spaces while providing dramatic views of the Capitol dome.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 1/28/08 through 2/1/08**

- Technicians continue final acceptance testing on the CVC's fire and life-safety systems throughout the site.
- Painters, carpenters, plumbers, masons, electricians, carpet installers, and other professionals continue to address punch-list items throughout the facility.
- Professional cleaning crews have completed thorough cleanings of all of the CVC's major public spaces including Emancipation Hall (photo above).
- In the Exhibition Hall, all of the major exhibitry components are in place (see photo opposite page). Technicians continue work related to the specialized fire suppressant system for the Wall of Aspirations.
- Audio-visual technicians continue work on adjustments to the projection screens in the North and South Orientation Theaters and the Congressional Auditorium.
- Carpenters are completing finishing work on the wood panel stage components in the Congressional Auditorium.
- In the House stairwell atrium, masons have completed the major stonework at the lowest level of the atrium and are making minor adjustments to the pre-cast terrazzo stair treads. Stair tread installation is complete in the Senate stairwell atrium. Work on the terrazzo stair landings is expected to begin in February. Metal workers are nearly complete with the bronze handrail installation in both stairwell atria.
- A crew has installed the terrazzo floor throughout the length of the House connector tunnel and the terrazzo has now been ground to its finished appearance. Grout work between the floor sections will begin later this week.



All of the major cabinetry components have been installed inside the CVC Exhibition Hall. Historic documents and artifacts will be installed close to the CVC opening later this year. The display cases seen above will highlight historic moments and key people from the House and Senate from its beginnings in 1789 through the present. A table (center right) in each of the six alcoves will feature a model of the Capitol campus as it appeared during a period in time, illustrating its evolution from the small North Wing in 1800 to nearly 16 million square feet of building space today, including House and Senate Office Buildings, the Library of Congress, the Supreme Court and the Botanic Garden.

- In the East Front, crews have completed the Gallery Level ceiling plaster work and have removed the scaffolding. Masons have completed the installation of stone around the Rotunda Door and continue setting the stair tread stones for the south side staircase. Floor stone installation is expected to begin at the Gallery Level shortly.
- Metal workers will continue installing the bronze foot grilles in the CVC entrance zone (see photo below). The grilles help remove dirt, pebbles and other materials from shoes as visitors pass through the zone.
- Masons continue to set granite curb stones along the south curving approach ramp to the CVC entrance zone.

## **Next Week – 2/4/08 – 2/8/08**

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

- Punch-list work will continue throughout interior spaces as millwork, wall stone, floor stone, grout lines, painted surfaces, ceiling panels, plaster work, carpeting, doors, and other finish materials are inspected and corrected.
- Technicians will continue the final testing process for the fire and life-safety systems.
- Workers will continue ceiling work at the Rotunda and Crypt levels in the East Front of the Capitol while masons set stone stair treads on the south stair in this zone and begin floor stone installation at the Gallery Level.
- Workers will continue finishing work on the bronze handrails in both the House and Senate stairwell atria.



**Metal workers install bronze foot grilles at the CVC north entrance zone. The grilles help remove debris from shoes.**

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