



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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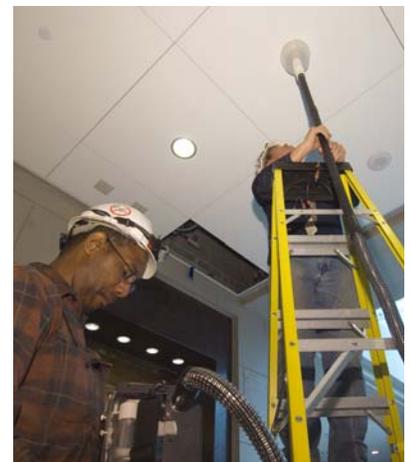
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The staircase and escalators at the center of the photo will serve as the primary transition zone between the CVC and the Capitol Building.

## This Week – Ongoing Work – 2/4/08 through 2/8/08

- Throughout the CVC, technicians continue final acceptance testing on the facility's complex 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.
- During this past week, a crew removed the temporary construction barrier wall near the Old Supreme Court Chamber in the East Front of the Capitol.
- In the Exhibition Hall, all of the major exhibitry components are in place. Technicians continue work related to the specialized fire suppressant system for the Wall of Aspirations. Installation of the dome model will occur next month.
- 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 staining and other 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.



Technicians are busy testing the thousands of smoke detectors (top of photo), fire alarms, and other fire and life-safety components throughout the CVC.



Masons are setting floor stone at the Gallery level in the East Front of the Capitol. The work in this area is expected to be completed this spring.

- 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 may occur this week.
- Floor stone installation will continue at the Gallery Level in the East Front of the Capitol.
- Metal workers will continue installing the bronze foot grilles in the CVC entrance zone. The grilles help remove dirt, pebbles and other materials from shoes as visitors pass through the zone.

## **Next Week – 2/11/08 – 2/15/08**

### **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. This work will continue into this summer.
- Metal workers are expected to complete the installation of bronze foot grilles at the CVC north and south entrance zones.
- Masons will continue setting floor stone at the Gallery Level in the East Front of the Capitol.
- Workers will continue finishing work on the bronze handrails in both the House and Senate stairwell atria.



A mason sets a piece of sandstone to an arch in the East Front of the Capitol just outside the Crypt. The original sandstone had been damaged when conduit was installed along the sandstone wall during the East Front extension work executed between 1958 and 1962.

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