



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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In the CVC's upper level west lobby and throughout the facility, cleaning crews continue to wash the more than 136,000 square feet of floor stone.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 2/11/08 through 2/15/08

- Throughout the CVC, technicians continue final acceptance testing on the facility's complex fire and life-safety systems. This process is still on schedule to be completed this summer.
- Painters, carpenters, plumbers, masons, electricians, carpet installers, and other professionals continue to address punch-list items throughout the facility.
- Professional cleaning crews continue to wash down 200,000 square feet of wall stone and nearly 136,000 square feet of floor stone throughout the CVC (see photo above and lower photo on opposite page).
- In the Exhibition Hall, all of the major exhibit components are in place. Installation of the dome model is expected to occur in March.
- Audio-visual technicians continue to make adjustments to the sound and projection systems in the North and South Orientation Theaters and the Congressional Auditorium.
- Carpenters have completed staining the wood panel stage components in the Congressional Auditorium.
- In the House stairwell atrium, masons are making minor adjustments to the pre-cast terrazzo stair treads. Work on the terrazzo stair landings is expected to begin in February. Metal workers continue finishing work on the bronze handrails in both stairwell atria.



Metal workers install one of the bronze handrail components in a stairwell atrium inside the House Expansion Space.



Sandstone walls and columns, marble floors, stone steps, bronze railings and other architectural details seen throughout the CVC complement the architectural vocabulary seen in the historic Capitol Building. The CVC marks the ninth and largest addition to the Capitol in the Capitol's 215-year history.

- A crew continues grout work in the House connector tunnel that connects the House Expansion Space to the basement level elevator lobby at the east side of the House wing.
- Masons continue to set floor stone at the Gallery Level in the East Front of the Capitol.
- Metal workers have completed installing the bronze foot grilles in the CVC entrance zones. Finishing work around the grilles will occur this week.

Next Week – 2/18/08 – 2/22/08

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Technicians will continue the final testing process for the CVC's complex fire and life-safety systems. This work will continue into this summer.
- 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 deficiencies corrected.
- 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. Terrazzo work may begin on the landings in each of the stairwell atria.
- Technicians will continue to adjust sound and projections systems in the North and South Orientation Theaters.



Professional cleaning crews will have washed down approximately 46,000 pieces of wall stone by the time the CVC opens to the public.

For additional information about the CVC project, contact the project communications officer, Tom Fontana, at tfontana@oc.gov or visit the project web site at www.oc.gov. Be sure to click on the "Capitol Visitor Center" link on the homepage.