



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Workers polish the terrazzo floor in a small tunnel that connects the Cannon Tunnel to House Expansion Space.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 3/3/08 through 3/7/08

- 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.
- Masons have now completed floor stone work at the Crypt, Rotunda and Gallery levels inside the East Front Extension of the Capitol with the exception of a small area near the south stair.
- Painters, carpenters, plumbers, masons, electricians, cleaning crews 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.
- Later this month, a crew is expected to begin installation of a 10-foot-tall touchable model of the Capitol Dome that will be located in the center of the CVC Exhibition Hall.
- Audio-visual technicians continue to make adjustments to the sound and projection systems in the North and South Orientation Theaters and 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 will begin when the adjustments are completed later this month. Metal workers continue finishing work on the bronze handrails in both the House and Senate stairwell atria.
- Ceiling panel installation and terrazzo floor work are ongoing in the pedestrian tunnel to the Library of Congress.

- A sealant has been applied to the terrazzo floor of the Cannon Connector Tunnel and the sealant has now been polished, marking the completion of the major finishing work in the tunnel (*see photo opposite page*).

Next Week – 3/10/08 – 3/14/08

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.
- Outside, crews will continue work in the South Egg (grassy oval) to remove construction trailers and materials as this area is prepared for sod placements and plantings later this spring.
- Punch-list work will continue throughout interior spaces as millwork, wall stone, floor stone, grout lines, painted surfaces, ceiling panels, plaster work, doors, and other finish materials are inspected and deficiencies corrected.
- Masons will complete grout work between the floor stone at the Rotunda and Gallery levels in the East Front of the Capitol. Other masons will continue work on the stair treads at the south end of the transition zone.
- 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 pending the completion of adjustments to the stair treads.



In the East Front transition zone between the CVC and the Capitol, a worker sands down the plaster finish below the south staircase.



A fire alarm technician tests one of the several thousand smoke and fire alarm devices that have been installed throughout the CVC.

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