

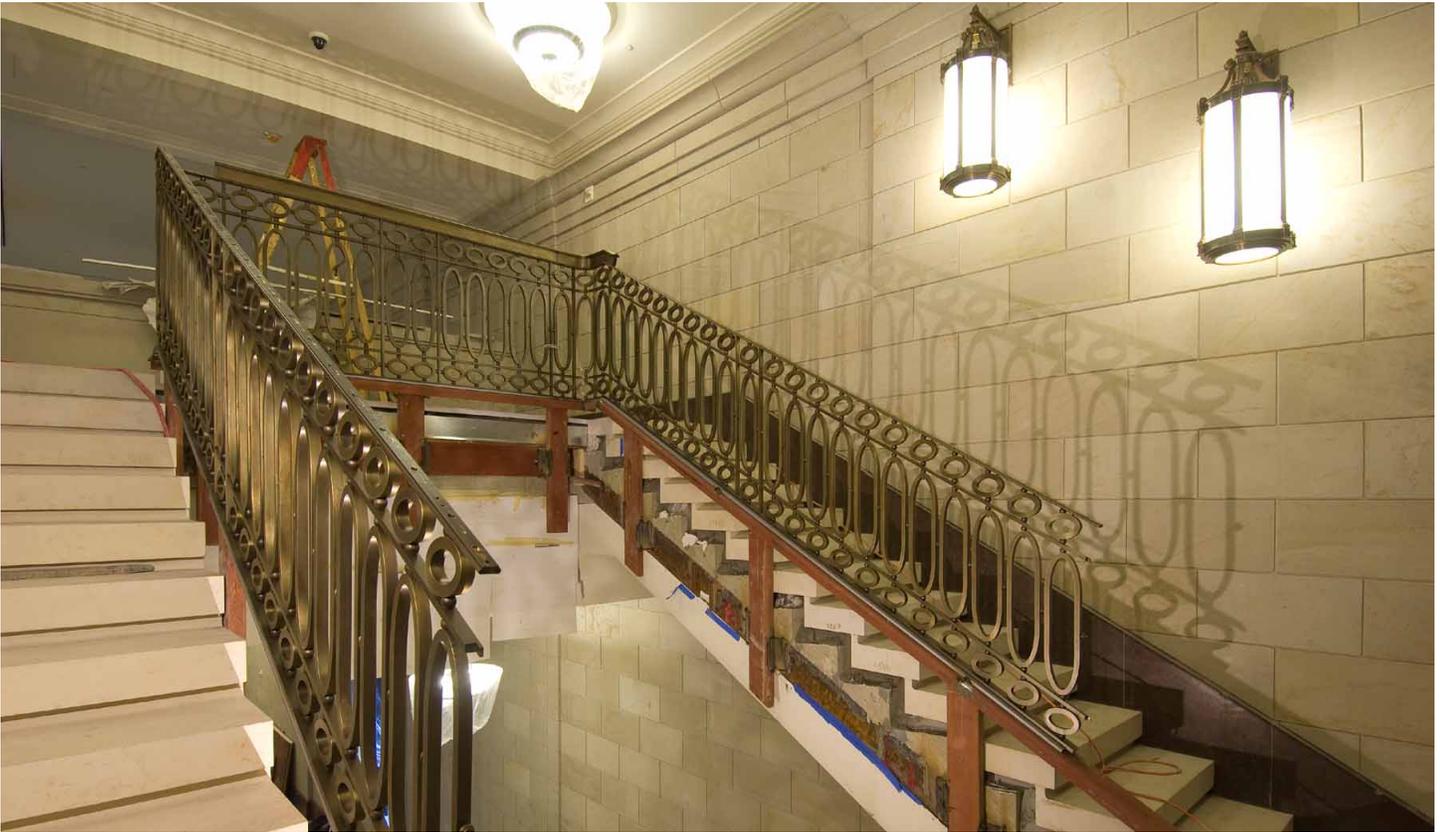


United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Metal workers have begun installing decorative bronze railings along the new south staircase in the East Front of the Capitol.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/7/08 through 4/11/08

- 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.
- With all major floor and wall stone work essentially complete in the Crypt, Rotunda and Gallery levels inside the East Front Extension of the Capitol, metal crews are now installing bronze handrails along the south staircase (*photo above*).
- Workers are now installing the 10-foot-high wood doors on the east side of the Rotunda (*see lower photo, next page*)
- Landscape restoration work continues in the South "Egg" as crews continue to prepare the grounds for sod.
- Painters, carpenters, plumbers, masons, electricians, cleaning crews and other professionals continue to address punch-list items throughout the facility.
- The wood construction fence along First Street at East Capitol Street is being relocated slightly westward to clear the zone for final paver installation, landscape restoration, and minor adjustments to existing PEPCO components.
- Metal workers completed work on the bronze handrails in the House and Senate stairwell atria and are preparing for the follow-on terrazzo work on the stairwell landings. Stair-tread stones are being reset in the Senate atrium.
- In the pedestrian tunnel to the Library of Congress, ceiling panel installation is complete and has been protected with plastic sheeting. Terrazzo floor work is ongoing and approximately 100 feet of the terrazzo work is already complete as the west end of the tunnel nearest the CVC.
- Metal workers are installing bronze cap plates at the base of bronze railing posts throughout the CVC.
- Security technicians are busy below the floor of the CVC Exhibition Hall making adjustments to the House and Senate history cases that are situated along the back side of the Wall of Aspirations. Some panels along the back alcove walls have been removed temporarily to clear the way for installation of fire suppressant materials.

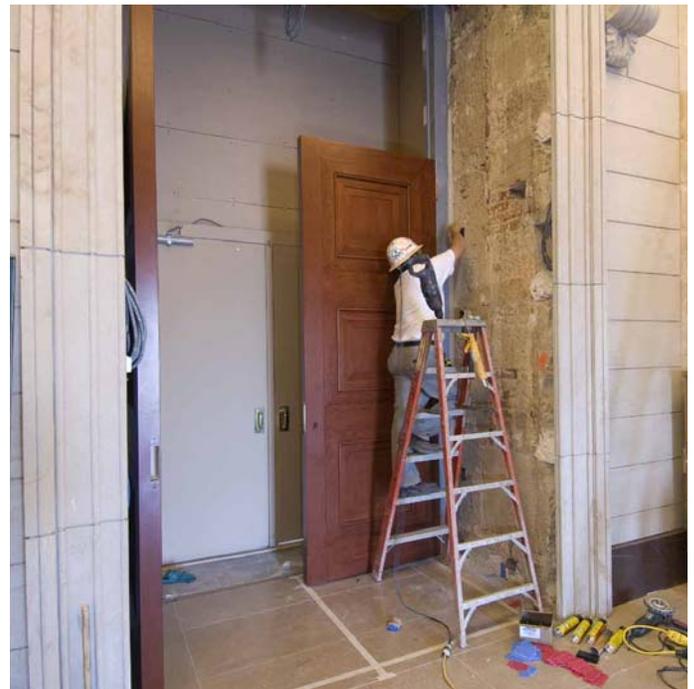


This aerial photo of the CVC taken April 3, 2008, shows some of the landscape restoration progress in the House “Egg” (bottom left quadrant of photo) now that all construction trailers have been removed from that zone. Historical features, including fountains, lanterns and lamp-posts, are being fine-tuned for operation later this summer and only a few palettes of construction materials remain on the Plaza.

Next Week – 4/14/08 – 4/18/08

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 the summer.
- Outside, landscape crews will continue to level the grade of the South “Egg” and prepare the grounds for sod placements and plantings. Current work to relocate a construction fence will allow plaza work to begin near First Street at the East Capitol Street intersection.
- 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 continue grout work and other stone detail work at the Rotunda and Gallery levels in the East Front of the Capitol, while metal works continue installing bronze railings. Installation of new Rotunda doors is expected to be completed.
- Terrazzo work will continue in the LOC tunnel.



A worker adjusts a threshold panel alongside one of the new Rotunda doors are being installed in the East Front of the Capitol.

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