



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Stone masons apply grout between floor stone slabs in the CVC's 16,500-square-foot Exhibition Hall. Grout work is one of the many punchlist activities now being executed throughout the CVC. As of early-April, approximately 40 percent of punchlist work was complete.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/14/08 through 4/18/08

- 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 workers continue installing bronze handrails along the south staircase.
- Workers completed installation of 10-foot-high wood doors on the east side of the Rotunda.
- 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 punchlist 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.
- Terrazzo work is nearly complete in the House stairwell atrium. Final grout work there will be accomplished later this month. Meanwhile, work continues to reset the stair-tread stones in the Senate stairwell atrium.
- In the pedestrian tunnel to the Library of Congress, ceiling panel installation is essentially complete and has been protected with plastic sheeting. The tunnel terrazzo floor work is progressing from the CVC eastward to the LOC.
- Metal workers are installing bronze cap plates at the base of bronze railing posts throughout the CVC.



A CVC worker polishes the interior bronze façade panels alongside one of the main entrance escalators that is adjacent to Emancipation Hall.

- 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.
- Some floor stone near the lower level entrance to the House Expansion Space has been removed temporarily to clear the way for conduit to accommodate the possibility of a House Appointments Desk.

Next Week – 4/21/08 – 4/25/08

- 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.
- Punchlist 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.
- Finishing work will continue on the terrazzo floor landings in the House stairwell atrium.
- Terrazzo work will continue in the LOC tunnel.
- Landscapers may continue executing the final tree and shrub planting plan along the CVC entrance zones. Two new trees were planted along the north entrance ramp last week.