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At the eastern end of the CVC project site, workers place concrete for a curving retaining wall that will be lined with granite stone. Exterior work will increase later this winter and early spring as landscaping activities and exterior finish stone work will be the dominant CVC project activities.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 1/8/07 through 1/12/07

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers have completed placing concrete and water proofing in the water fountains at the base of the Great Hall stairs on the east side of the Hall. Stone installation may begin later this week or early next week.
- Stone installation is nearly complete in both Orientation Theaters. Workers continue to install millwork and fabric wall panels. A carpet mockup will be set up this week for a quality review. If the mockup is approved, the first carpet installation in the CVC will begin in the North Orientation Theater next week.
- Masons continue setting stone at the upper level lobby just outside the North Orientation Theater.
- In the Exhibition Hall, masons have completed setting marble to the south Wall of Aspirations and installation of stone continues on the north wall. Work on the ceilings of the virtual House and Senate Theater continues with the installation of lighting elements in the ceiling soffits and final mechanical and electrical work. Installation of the central glass floor is expected to begin within the next two weeks.
- Drywall installation continues at the Rotunda level in the East Front of the Capitol and stone layout is nearly complete. The installation of the first of 4,700 stones in the East Front will begin later this week.
- Masons continue to set stone to the exterior walls and columns along the CVC entrance zone and have completed most of the stone work along the north entrance approaches.



Workers install a bronze railing to a staircase in the Great Hall. Water features at the base of the Great Hall stairs remain the last major architectural element to be completed. That work is expected to be finished by the end of January.

- Stone crews continue setting pavers on the concrete slabs of the tree-lined stepped entrance walkway that slopes down from First Street to the north side CVC entrance. Sixteen of the 18 landings have been completed.
- Crews have completed the formwork for concrete slabs in the water fountain feature around the north skylight above the Great Hall.
- In the Food Service Area, installation of kitchen equipment continues. Carpet installation will begin in January in the seating area.
- Workers have begun to install large 8'x26' door panels for the projection screen in the Congressional Auditorium.

Next Week – 1/15/07 – 1/19/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Ceiling work will continue in the East Front transition zone above the main stairs and escalator paths. Scaffolding may be dismantled clearing the way for installation of escalators.
- In the Great Hall, masons will set stone in the water fountains at the base of the staircases.
- Carpet installation is expected to begin in the North Orientation Theater.
- Crews will continue assembling formwork for concrete floor slabs in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Ceiling and bulkhead work will continue in the north CVC entrance zone.
- Installation of kitchen equipment will continue in the Food Service Area.
- Masons will continue setting stone along the CVC entrance zone.
- Workers will run electrical conduit in the floor of the Congressional Auditorium.
- Stone work is expected to begin in the East Front at the Rotunda level.

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Inside the North Orientation Theater, carpet installers lay padding for carpeting on the uppermost seat tier marking the first carpet installation to occur anywhere in the CVC. Carpet installation is expected to be completed in both the North and South Theaters early in February. Inset: Workers continue to install wood and fabric wall panels in both theaters.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 1/15/07 through 1/19/07

- Carpet installation has begun inside the North Orientation Theater (see photo above).
- Stone installation is nearly complete in both Orientation Theaters. Workers continue to install millwork and fabric wall panels.
- Workers are completing ceiling work above the staircase and escalator paths in the transition zone between the East Front of the Capitol and the CVC. Scaffolding may be removed next week clearing the way for escalator installation to begin.
- In the Exhibition Hall, masons have completed setting marble to the south Wall of Aspirations and installation of stone continues on the north wall. Work on the ceilings of the virtual House and Senate Theater continues with the installation of lighting elements in the ceiling soffits, plaster and painting, and final mechanical and electrical work. Installation of the central glass floor is expected to begin within the next two weeks.
- Stone layout is nearly complete in the East Front of the Capitol at the Rotunda level and stone installation is expected to begin later this week.
- Masons continue to set stone to the exterior walls and columns along the CVC entrance zone and have completed most of the stone work along the north entrance approaches.
- Masons continue setting floor tiles in the Food Service servery area (see top photo, next page).



A stone mason lays tile in the Food Service servery area. More than 500 people can be seated in the Food Service Area at one time.

- Workers have completed installation of the large projection screen door panels in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Masons continue installation of floor and wall stone in the House and Senate Expansion spaces. Millwork installation is nearly complete in the lowest level of the House Expansion Space while plaster and painting work continues throughout much of the Senate Expansion Space.

Next Week – 1/22/07 – 1/26/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Ceiling work will continue in the East Front transition zone above the main stairs and escalator paths. Scaffolding may be dismantled clearing the way for installation of escalators.
- In the Great Hall, masons will set stone in the water fountains at the base of the staircases.
- Carpet installation will continue in the Orientation Theaters and may begin in the Food Service Area.
- Crews will continue assembling formwork for concrete floor slabs in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of kitchen equipment and floor tiles will continue in the Food Service Area. Carpet installation may begin.
- Masons will continue setting stone along the CVC entrance zone.
- Workers will run electrical conduit in the floor of the Congressional Auditorium.
- Stone work is expected to continue in the East Front at the Rotunda level.



Workers assemble some of the steel support structure for one of two glass walls that will enclose the central carriageway below the East Front Center Steps. The walls will help secure the transition zone that connects the CVC and the Capitol while allowing natural light to illuminate the central stair and escalators.

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One week after carpet crews began installing padding in the North Orientation Theater, carpet installation there is nearly complete. Later this week, workers will begin installing the plush theater seats in the theater that will provide visitors an unobstructed view of a 13-minute orientation film about the Congress and the Capitol. In the background, workers install lighting and speaker system elements behind cherry wood veneer panels.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 1/22/07 through 1/26/07

- Carpet installation continues and is nearly complete on the seat tiers in the North and South Orientation Theaters. Workers are also nearly complete with installation of millwork and fabric wall panels inside both theaters including the cherry veneer panels on the retractable screen door panels. The lower level bronze doors for each theater have been installed and crews have begun installing the door frame elements for the upper level exit doors. Workers are expected to begin installing the theater seats this week.
- Workers have completed the ceiling work above the staircase and escalator paths in the transition zone between the East Front of the Capitol and the CVC. The scaffolding in this zone has been removed clearing the way for escalator installation to begin. The escalator contractor will begin preparatory work and initial installation activities this week.
- In the Exhibition Hall, masons have completed setting marble to the south Wall of Aspirations and are more than 50 percent complete with installation of stone on the north wall. Work on the ceilings of the House and Senate Theaters continues with the installation of lighting elements in the ceiling soffits, plaster and painting, and final mechanical and electrical work. Installation of the central glass floor is expected to begin this week.
- Stone layout is nearly complete in the East Front of the Capitol at the Rotunda level and stone installation is expected to begin later this week.
- Masons continue to set stone to the exterior walls and columns along the CVC entrance zone and have completed most of the stone work along the north entrance approaches.

- Masons continue setting floor tiles in the Food Service servery area and are expected to be completed by the end of the week. Carpet installation will follow immediately.
- Carpet installation is expected to begin in meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium.
- Workers have completed installation of the large projection screen door panels in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Masons continue installation of floor and wall stone in the House and Senate Expansion spaces. Millwork installation is nearly complete in the lowest level of the House Expansion Space while plaster and painting work continues throughout much of the Senate Expansion Space and is nearly complete in the Senate Recording Studio.

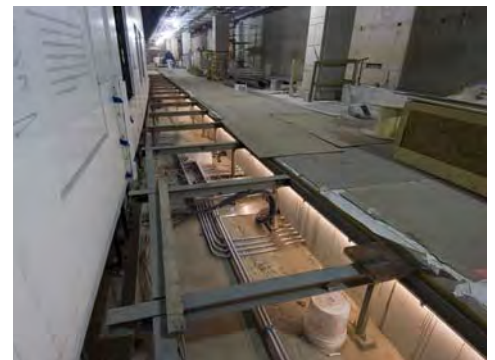


A stone mason sets a block of gray granite from a quarry in Culpeper, VA, to the retaining wall along the CVC's north entrance ramp.

Next Week – 1/29/07 – 2/2/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Escalator installation will continue in the transition zone between the CVC and the East Front of the Capitol.
- In the Great Hall, masons will continue setting stone in the water fountains at the base of the staircases.
- Carpet installation will near completion in the Orientation Theaters and installation will begin in meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium.
- Crews will continue assembling formwork for concrete floor slabs in the Congressional Auditorium. Floor-box installation will continue.
- Installation of kitchen equipment will continue in the Food Service Area. Carpet installation may begin in the seating area late in the week.
- Masons will continue setting exterior stone along the CVC entrance zone.
- Stone work is expected to continue in the East Front at the Rotunda level.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.



Below the marble “Wall of Aspirations” in the Exhibition Hall, a steel framework is ready to receive thick glass floor panels, which will be illuminated from below.

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A worker installs a seat cushion for a chair inside the North Orientation Theater. A 13-minute orientation film will be shown three times per hour in both the North and South Theaters. Show times will be staggered so that visitors enter one theater while leaving the other.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 1/29/07 through 2/2/07

- Carpet and chair installation is complete on the seat tiers in the North and South Orientation Theaters. Workers are now installing carpeting at the upper level in both theaters near the exit doors. Workers have completed installing the cherry wood veneer panels on the sliding projection screen panels and are nearly complete with installation of millwork and fabric wall panels. The millwork door frames have also been installed in both theaters.
- Workers have completed the ceiling work above the staircase and escalator paths in the transition zone between the East Front of the Capitol and the CVC. The escalator contractor will begin installation activities this week. Workers at the Crypt level are applying the second coat of plaster to the central ceiling while masons continue stone installation at the Rotunda level along the west wall.
- In the Exhibition Hall, plaster work is complete on the ceiling of the virtual House Theater and will be completed in the Senate Theater this week. Drywall installation on the theater walls is ongoing. Workers continue installing the glass floor panels around the Wall of Aspirations. Workers have completed installation of the central door frames and sliding panels.
- Masons continue setting floor tiles in the Food Service servery area and are expected to be completed by the end of the week. Carpet installation will follow.
- Millwork is complete in two meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium and carpet installation may begin within two weeks. Painters are putting the final touches to the ceiling plaster and soffits in these meeting rooms.
- Masons have completed most of the stone work along the north entrance approaches and continue to set stone to the façade of the south entrance and the walls alongside the south entrance stair.

- Workers are completing final rebar assembly for concrete floor panels in the Congressional Auditorium. Concrete placements are expected to begin early this week. A scaffold is being assembled for ceiling work above the stage.
- In House Expansion Space, workers have completed all structural steel work in the House Hearing Room and have begun framing the ceiling. Steel support work for accordion partition walls is nearly complete in adjacent meeting rooms while millwork installation continues in these areas. In Senate Expansion Space, ceiling grids are being installed in several meeting rooms and installation of projection system lifts will begin early in February. Within a few weeks, crews will begin carpet and door installation throughout the Senate Recording Studio on the upper level.



With the aid of an electronic suction machine, workers set a 500-pound glass floor panel to a steel support grid in the CVC's Exhibition Hall.

Next Week – 2/5/07 – 2/9/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Escalator installation will continue in the transition zone between the CVC and the East Front of the Capitol. Ceiling work will continue at the Crypt level and stone installation will continue at the Rotunda level.
- In the Great Hall, masons will continue setting stone in the water fountains at the base of the staircases.
- Workers will continue installing the five-foot-square thick glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall. Drywall and plaster work will continue along the walls of the virtual House and Senate Theaters.
- Wall panel finish work will continue in both Orientation Theaters.
- Carpet installation may begin in meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium.
- Crews will complete placement of concrete floor slabs in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of kitchen equipment will continue in the Food Service Area. Installation of granite tiles is expected to be completed and carpet installation may begin in the seating area late in the week.
- Masons will continue setting exterior stone along the CVC entrance zone.
- Stone work is expected to continue in the East Front at the Rotunda level.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.

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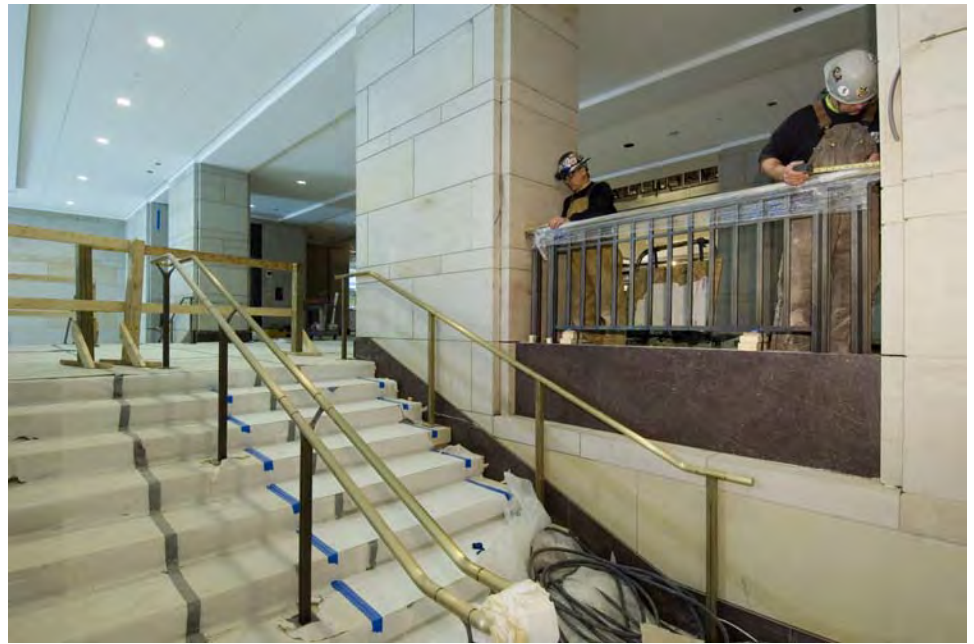


A worker vacuums newly laid carpeting in one of the Food Service seating areas. Tile work surrounding these areas will be completed in February.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 2/5/07 through 2/9/07

- Carpet and chair installation is complete in the North and South Orientation Theaters. Workers are now completing work on the millwork and fabric wall panels and have begun installing bronze railings. The millwork door frames have been installed in both theaters and the upper level solid wood exit doors will be installed later in February.
- Masons have completed setting most of the marble base stone in the East Front at the Rotunda level. Sandstone installation above the base stone has begun on the south side of this work zone.
- Workers have completed the ceiling work above the staircase and escalator paths in the transition zone between the East Front of the Capitol and the CVC. The escalator contractor has begun assembling the temporary platforms that will support the escalators until they are positioned completely into place by chain hoists. Masons have resumed setting the step stones on the upper portion of the central staircase. Ceiling drywall installation continues at the Crypt level.
- In the Exhibition Hall, plaster work is complete on the decorative ceilings above the virtual House and Senate Theaters. Drywall installation is complete on the House theater walls. Workers continue installing the glass floor panels in the center of the Hall around the Wall of Aspirations. Workers have completed installation of the central door frames and sliding panels and are now installing steel elements that will support the last remaining stone to be installed in the Hall.
- Masons continue setting granite floor tiles in the Food Service servery area. Carpet installation is complete in the three main seating areas and tile work will be completed around these areas within the next two weeks.
- Millwork is nearly complete in two meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium and carpet installation may begin within two weeks. Painters have applied the first coat of paint to the ceiling plaster and soffits in these meeting rooms.

- Masons have completed most of the stone work along the north entrance approaches and continue to set stone to the façade of the south entrance and the walls alongside the south entrance stair.
- Workers have completed placement of concrete floor panels in the Congressional Auditorium. Some of the floor panels have already been removed clearing the way for installation of electrical wiring below the floor.
- In House Expansion Space, workers have completed all structural steel work in the House Hearing Room and continue framing the ceiling. Steel support work for accordion partition walls is nearly complete in adjacent meeting rooms while millwork installation and painting continues in these areas. In Senate Expansion Space, ceiling grids are being installed in several meeting rooms and installation of projection system lifts will begin within the next two weeks. By the end of February, crews may begin carpet and door installation throughout the Senate Recording Studio on the upper level.

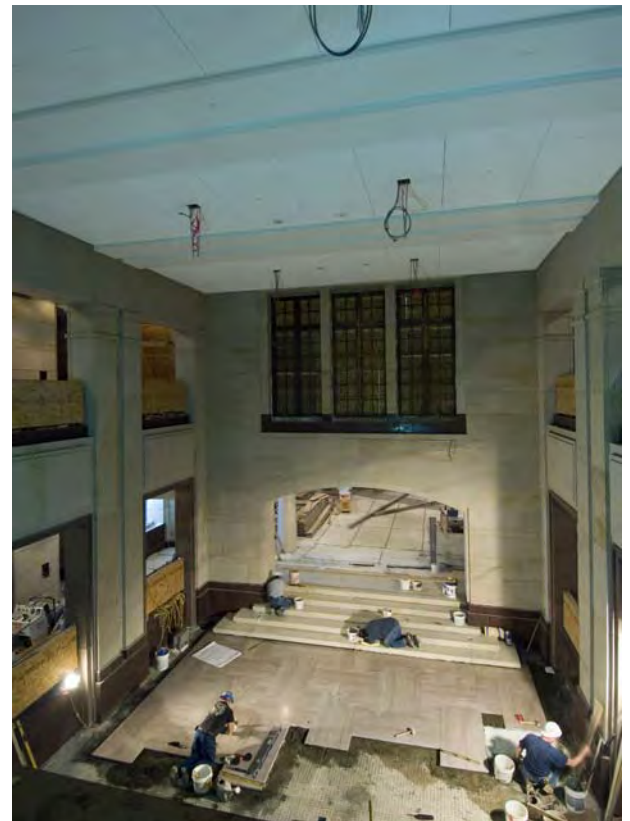


Near a stair leading to the Great Hall, workers measure connections points for a bronze railing.

Next Week – 2/12/07 – 2/16/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Escalator installation will continue in the transition zone between the CVC and the East Front of the Capitol. Ceiling work will continue at the Crypt level and stone installation will continue at the Rotunda level.
- In the Great Hall, masons will continue setting stone in the water fountains at the base of the staircases.
- Workers will continue installing the five-foot-square thick glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall. Drywall and plaster work will continue along the walls of the virtual House and Senate Theaters. Ceiling panel installation will begin.
- Installation of bronze railings and finishing work to the wood and fabric wall panels will continue in both Orientation Theaters.
- Carpet installation may begin in meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium.
- Crews will complete removal of concrete floor slabs in the Congressional Auditorium. Electrical work will continue.
- Installation of kitchen equipment will continue in the Food Service Area. Installation of granite tiles will continue around carpeted areas. Kitchen ceiling panel installation will resume.
- Masons will continue setting exterior stone along the CVC entrance zone.
- Stone work will continue in the East Front at the Rotunda level. By the end of the month, masons will try to set stones at a pace of approximately 70 stones a day.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.



Stone masons set Tennessee Valley marble in a basket-weave pattern in an atrium space near the Congressional Auditorium.

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A worker uses a forklift to position an escalator truss into place within the East Front transition zone between the Capitol and the CVC. All four escalator trusses are now in place within the East Front clearing the way for masons to complete the remaining floorstone work in that area.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 2/19/07 through 2/23/07

- CVC site access has shifted from the east side of the Rotunda to the first floor of the Capitol near the Law Library doors.
- Carpet and chair installation is complete in the North and South Orientation Theaters. Workers have also installed all of the main millwork and fabric wall panels in both theaters and are now installing bronze railings.
- Masons continue setting sandstone in the East Front of the Capitol at the Rotunda Level (see photo opposite page). Scaffolding has now been set up at several locations to accommodate installation of the higher courses of stone.
- Workers have completed the ceiling work above the staircase and escalator paths in the transition zone between the East Front of the Capitol and the CVC. The escalator contractor has now installed all four escalator trusses into the transition zone (two trusses combine to make one escalator). Masons have completed setting the step stones on the central staircase and masons can now resume floor stone installation in the upper level west lobby in the area previously occupied by the escalators. Ceiling drywall installation and plaster work continue at the Crypt level.
- In the Exhibition Hall, plaster work is complete on the decorative ceilings above the virtual House and Senate Theaters. Drywall installation is complete on the House theater walls. Installation of marble is complete on the Wall of Aspirations and workers are now applying grout between the slab joints. Crews continue installing the glass floor panels down the center of the hall. Workers have completed installation of the central door frames and sliding panels and continue installing the steel elements that will support the last remaining stone around the Exhibition Hall center entrance threshold.
- Masons continue setting granite floor tiles in the Food Service servery area. Carpet installation is complete in the three main seating areas and floor tile work will be completed around these areas within the next two weeks. Cabinetry installation is ongoing throughout the servery area. Ceiling work is nearly complete in the kitchen area.



A mason aligns a block of sandstone to a wall inside the East Front of the Capitol. Scaffolding has now been erected at several locations in the East Front to allow masons to complete the upper courses of stone. By March, six mason teams will work to install 70 pieces of stone each day.

- Installation of fabric panels is complete in two meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium and millwork is nearly complete. Carpet installation is expected to begin in these rooms in early March.
- Masons have completed most of the stone work along the north entrance approaches and continue to set stone to the façade of the south entrance and the walls alongside the south entrance stair.
- Workers have nearly completed installation of electrical and telecom wiring below the Congressional Auditorium floor.

Next Week – 2/26/07 – 3/2/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Escalator assembly will continue in the transition zone between the CVC and the East Front of the Capitol. Ceiling work will continue at the Crypt level and stone installation will continue at the Rotunda level.
- In the Great Hall, masons will continue setting stone in the water fountains at the base of the staircases.
- Workers will continue installing the five-foot-square thick glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall. Drywall and plaster work will continue along the walls of the Virtual Senate Theater. Ceiling panel installation will continue.
- Installation of bronze railings will be completed in the North Orientation Theater and continue in the South Theater.
- Carpet installation may begin in meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium.
- Crews will continue to install wiring, ductwork and other sub-floor components in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of kitchen equipment and cabinetry will continue in the Food Service Area. Installation of granite tiles will continue around carpeted areas and kitchen ceiling panel installation will near completion.
- Masons will continue setting exterior stone along the CVC entrance zone.
- Floor stone installation will continue in the upper level west lobby.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.
- Installation of fabric panels will be complete in meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium, in upper level meeting rooms near the CVC transition zone, and in some corridor spaces.

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A spiral staircase winds down through all three floors of the Senate Expansion Space. The House Expansion Space features a similar staircase.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 2/26/07 through 3/2/07

- Carpet and chair installation is complete in the North and South Orientation Theaters. Workers have also installed all of the main millwork and fabric wall panels in both theaters and continue installing bronze railings.
- Masons continue setting an average of 80 sandstone blocks per day in the East Front of the Capitol. The entire East Front transition zone encompasses approximately 4,700 pieces of stone. The area will be completed later this spring.
- The escalator contractor has installed all four escalator trusses into the transition zone (two trusses combine to make one escalator) and have begun installing the secondary mechanical elements to bring the escalators to an operational status. Meanwhile, masons continue floor stone installation in the upper level west lobby in the area previously occupied by the escalators. Ceiling drywall installation and plaster work continue at the Crypt level.
- In the Exhibition Hall, drywall is complete in the virtual House and Senate Theaters. Installation of marble is complete on the Wall of Aspirations and workers are completing the application of grout between the slab joints. Crews continue installing the glass floor panels down the center of the hall, while electricians install and test some of the lighting elements in the Hall's central ceiling soffits.
- Masons continue setting granite floor tiles in the Food Service servery area. Carpet installation is complete in the three main seating areas and floor tile work will be completed around these areas within the next two weeks. Cabinetry installation is ongoing throughout the servery area (see top photo opposite page).
- Installation of fabric panels is complete in two meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium and millwork is nearly complete. Carpet installation is expected to begin in these rooms in early March.
- Masons have completed most of the stone work along the north entrance approaches and continue to set stone to the façade of the south entrance and the walls alongside the south entrance stair (see small photo opposite page).



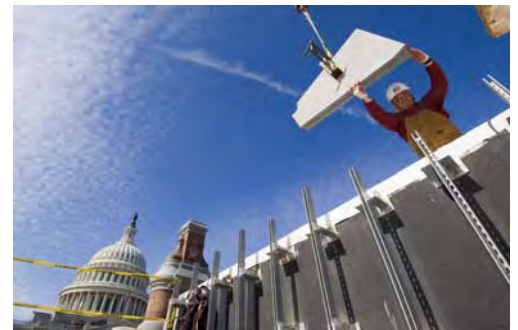
In the CVC's Food Service Area, a carpenter installs cabinetry components in the food servery area. The primary seating area is at left.

- Workers have nearly completed installation of electrical, telecom wiring below the Congressional Auditorium floor.
- Steel and concrete work is nearly complete for the structure of a spiral staircase in the Senate Expansion Space.
- Millwork is nearing completion on the lower level of the House Expansion Space and carpenters are now beginning similar work in the Senate spaces.

Next Week – 3/5/07 – 3/9/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Escalator assembly will continue in the transition zone between the CVC and the East Front of the Capitol. Ceiling work will continue at the Crypt level and stone installation will continue at the Rotunda level.
- In the Great Hall, masons will continue setting stone in the water fountains at the base of the staircases.
- Workers will continue installing the five-foot-square thick glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall. Ceiling panel installation will continue and installation of document cases may begin late in the week.
- Installation of bronze railings will continue in the South Theater.
- Crews will continue to install wiring, ductwork and other sub-floor components in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of kitchen equipment, cabinetry and granite floor tiles will continue in the Food Service Area.
- Masons will continue setting exterior stone along the south side CVC entrance zone.
- Floor stone installation will continue in the upper level west lobby at the base of the CVC transition zone.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.



A mason guides a large block of granite into position near the CVC's south side entrance zone.

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Masons set floor stone in one of the CVC's two gift shops, which are located on the visitor out-flow corridors on the upper level.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 3/5/07 through 3/9/07

- Masons have completed setting the granite floor tiles in the Food Service servery area and carpet installation is complete in the three main seating areas. Cabinetry installation is complete and workers are now installing the various cabinet components, including doors, hardware and bronze elements.
- In the Exhibition Hall, drywall is complete in the virtual House and Senate Theaters. Installation of marble is complete on the center wall and workers have begun installing the document cases in both sides of the wall. Crews continue installing the glass floor panels down the center of the hall and ceiling panel installation has begun along the east side of the hall.
- Installation of bronze railings is nearly complete in the North Orientation Theater. The bronze fabrication contractor is now increasing its focus on making the bronze doors that are required throughout the CVC.
- Masons continue setting an average of 80 sandstone blocks per day in the East Front of the Capitol and stonework now rises some 20 feet at several locations. This work is tracking for an early summer finish.
- In the East Front transition zone the escalator contractor continues installing the secondary mechanical elements to bring the escalators to an operational status. Meanwhile, masons continue floor stone installation in the upper level west lobby in the area previously occupied by the escalators. Ceiling drywall installation and plaster work continue at the Crypt level and remediation of lead-based paint in floor alcoves has been completed at this level.
- Installation of fabric panels is complete in two meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium and millwork is nearly complete. Carpet installation has begun in the north side meeting room.
- Masons have completed most of the stone work along the north entrance approaches and continue to set stone to the façade of the south entrance and the walls alongside the south entrance stair. Masons also are setting granite pavers along the south side stepped walkway below the two rows of trees. Workers have begun placing the gravel bed for the north entrance ramp. Concrete placements for the ramp may begin next week. An aggregate sidewalk, similar to other sidewalks around the Capitol campus, will mark the finished surface.
- Workers have nearly completed installation of electric and telecom wiring below the Congressional Auditorium floor.

- Steel and concrete placements are nearly complete for the structure and slabs of a spiral staircase in the Senate Expansion Space. Three of four staircase “runs” are in place for the spiral stair in the House Expansion Space.

Next Week – 3/12/07 – 3/16/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Floor stone installation will continue in the upper level west lobby at the base of the CVC transition zone and into the elevator lobby at that level.
- Escalator assembly will continue in the transition zone between the CVC and the East Front of the Capitol. Ceiling work will continue at the Crypt level and stone installation will continue at the Rotunda level.
- In the Great Hall, masons will continue setting stone in the water fountains at the base of the staircases.
- Workers will continue installing the glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall. Ceiling panel and document case installation will continue.
- Installation and testing of speaker components will continue in both Orientation Theaters.
- Crews will complete installation of wiring, ductwork and other sub-floor components in the Congressional Auditorium and the concrete floor panels will be re-installed.
- Installation of kitchen equipment and cabinetry components will continue in the Food Service Area.
- Masons will continue setting exterior stone along the south side CVC entrance zone and may begin placing concrete for the north side entrance ramp.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.



Workers set a glass floor panel on a steel grid inside the CVC Exhibition Hall. The panels will be illuminated from below, providing a soft glow around the central Wall of Aspirations.



New sandstone now flanks the original 1824 sandstone inside the East Front Extension of the Capitol. The original sandstone had been hidden behind drywall when the East Front of the Capitol was extended 32.5 feet between 1958 and 1962, when the Capitol grew by nearly 100,000 square feet.

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Masons set floor stone in a lobby at the base of the transition zone (center of photo) between the CVC and the Capitol. Following the completion of this area late this week, the masons will move to a north side corridor to complete the last major area of floor stone in the CVC.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 3/12/07 through 3/16/07

- In the Food Service Area workers continue installing the various counter and cabinet components, including doors, hardware and bronze elements in the servery area, while other crews continue to install equipment in the kitchen.
- In the Exhibition Hall, workers have installed all of the document cases within both sides of the Wall of Aspirations. Air duct is now being installed in the while other crews continue installing the glass floor panels down the center of the hall. Ceiling panel installation is nearly complete in the south half of the Hall.
- The first of three sets of bronze doors at the entrance to the Library of Congress tunnel has been installed. Overall, fabrication of custom bronze doors is behind schedule, but the contractor has increased efforts to expedite the process. Temporary doors will be installed where necessary to allow for the start of the smoke control pre-testing process to begin this spring.
- Masons continue setting an average of 80 sandstone blocks per day in the East Front of the Capitol. Stonework rises some 20 feet at several locations and masons are now setting stone in the south stair, around the historic bronze Columbus Doors at the exterior wall of the East Front, and around the elevator openings at the Rotunda level.
- In the East Front transition zone the escalator contractor continues installing the secondary mechanical elements to bring the escalators to an operational status. Bronze façade cladding components for the escalators have been delivered.
- Masons continue setting floor stone in the upper level west lobby in the area previously occupied by the escalators and are approximately 80 percent complete in this zone (see photo above).
- Ceiling drywall installation and plaster work continue at the Crypt level within the East Front.
- Carpet installation is complete in one of two meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium.

- Masons have completed most of the stone work on the walls flanking the north and south monumental stairs and along the north and south entrance approaches. Masons have completed setting granite pavers (for areas that are available) along the north and south stepped walkways between the two rows of trees on both sides. Workers have begun placing the gravel bed for the north entrance ramp. Concrete placements for the ramp may begin later this week. An aggregate sidewalk, similar to other sidewalks around the Capitol campus, will mark the finished surface.
- Workers have completed installation of electric and telecom wiring below the Congressional Auditorium floor and all of the concrete floor panels have been re-installed. Concrete patchwork is ongoing to seal the seams between the floor structure and the removable concrete floor panels.
- Workers continue to install millwork to the walls in corridors adjacent to the Congressional Auditorium.
- Steel and concrete placements are complete for the structure and slabs of a spiral staircase in the Senate Expansion Space. Three of four staircase “runs” are in place for the spiral stair in the House Expansion Space.



Bronze railings, millwork, and stone work are complete in the North Orientation Theater.

Next Week – 3/19/07 – 3/23/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Floor stone installation will be completed in the upper level west lobby at the base of the CVC transition zone and will move into the elevator lobby at that level. Masons will also set floor stones in a corridor near the north orientation theater. Floor stone covers 126,000 square feet in the CVC, equivalent to three football fields.
- Escalator assembly will continue in the transition zone between the CVC and the East Front of the Capitol. Ceiling work will continue at the Crypt level and stone installation will continue at the Rotunda level.
- In the Great Hall, workers may begin dismantling the scaffolding that was necessary to balance and test the air handling system in the ceiling. Masons will then resume setting stones in the water fountains at the base of the Great Hall east staircases.
- Workers will continue installing the glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall. Ceiling panel installation will continue on the north side of the Hall.
- Ceiling panel installation will begin in the Virtual House Theater around the decorative plaster ceiling.
- Crews will complete installation of sealing the concrete floor panels in the Congressional Auditorium. Also in the Auditorium, workers will continue installing ceiling millwork over speaker components.
- Installation of kitchen equipment and cabinetry components will continue in the Food Service Area. All flooring and wall finishes are completed. Mechanical crews are expected to begin balancing and testing the Food Service air handling system.
- Masons will continue setting exterior stone along the south side CVC entrance zone, particularly for the piers between the bronze railings that line the curving path at the Plaza level.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.
- Masons have completed close to 75 percent of floor stone work in both CVC gift shops.



A gravel bed has been placed along the north entrance ramp in preparation for the placement of an aggregate concrete sidewalk that will look and feel like the sidewalks throughout the Capitol campus.

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Aerial photo of the CVC project site as it appeared Wednesday, March 14, 2007. Overall, the CVC project is approximately 92 percent complete with most of the interior work now encompassing the installation of finishes such as stone, carpeting, millwork, fabric panels, bronze elements and light fixtures. Most of the landscaping will occur later this spring and summer while interior building systems are tested and commissioned.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 3/19/07 through 3/23/07

- In the Exhibition Hall, workers have installed all of the document cases within both sides of the Wall of Aspirations, including many of the protective glass case doors. Later this week plaster workers will begin creating the faux marble columns in the virtual House and Senate Theaters.
- Work is progressing in the transition zone between the Library of Congress tunnel and the Jefferson Building. Installation of fascia and wall marble is occurring at the main stairs and plaster work is occurring at the cellar level. Waterproofing is occurring at the tunnel “lid” near the Jefferson Building.
- In the Food Service Area workers have installed the main cabinet components in the servery area and are now awaiting the delivery of the stone countertops. All of the flooring is complete and the air handling system for this area is now being balanced and tested.
- Masons are setting an average of 80 sandstone blocks per day in the East Front of the Capitol and continue setting stone in the south stair, around the historic bronze Columbus Doors at the exterior wall of the East Front, and around the elevator openings at the Rotunda level. Two decorative archways have been completed.
- In the East Front transition zone the escalator contractor continues installing the secondary mechanical elements to bring the escalators to an operational status. Bronze façade cladding components for the escalators have been delivered.

- Masons are nearly complete setting floor stone in the upper level west lobby in the area previously occupied by the escalators and are moving north to an upper level corridor adjacent to the Great Hall. This is the last major block of floors space to be set with stone.
- Ceiling drywall installation and plaster work continue at the Crypt level within the East Front.
- Millwork is ongoing in the Congressional Auditorium. Workers continue to install millwork to the walls in corridors adjacent to the Auditorium.
- Masons have completed most of the stone work on the walls flanking the north and south monumental stairs and along the north and south entrance approaches. Masons have completed setting granite pavers (for areas that are available) along the north and south stepped walkways between the two rows of trees on both sides. Workers have begun placing the gravel bed for the north entrance ramp. Concrete placements for the ramp may begin later this week. An aggregate sidewalk, similar to other sidewalks around the Capitol campus, will mark the finished surface.
- Steel and concrete placements are complete for the structure and slabs of a spiral staircase in the Senate Expansion Space. Three of four staircase “runs” are in place for the spiral stair in the House Expansion Space.



Masons are nearly complete with stonework at the face of the CVC entrance zone.

Next Week – 3/26/07 – 3/30/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Floor stone installation will be completed in the upper level west lobby at the base of the CVC transition zone and will move into the elevator lobby at that level. Masons will also set floor stones in a corridor near the north orientation theater. Floor stone covers 126,000 square feet in the CVC, equivalent to three football fields.
- Escalator assembly will continue in the transition zone between the CVC and the East Front of the Capitol. Ceiling work will continue at the Crypt level and stone installation will continue at the Rotunda level.
- In the Great Hall, workers may begin dismantling the scaffolding that was necessary to balance and test the air handling system in the ceiling. Masons will then resume setting stones in the water fountains at the base of the Great Hall east staircases.
- Workers will continue installing the glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall. Ceiling panel installation will continue on the north side of the Hall.
- Plaster work will continue in the Virtual House Theater.
- Crews will complete installation of sealing the concrete floor panels in the Congressional Auditorium. Also in the Auditorium, workers will continue installing ceiling millwork over speaker components.
- Installation of kitchen equipment and cabinetry components will continue in the Food Service Area. All flooring and wall finishes are completed. Mechanical crews are expected to complete balancing and testing the Food Service air handling system.
- Masons will continue setting exterior stone along the south side CVC entrance zone, particularly for the piers between the bronze railings that line the curving path at the Plaza level.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.
- Masons have completed close to 80 percent of floor stone work in both CVC gift shops.

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Stone walls and stone steps, decorative light fixtures and bronze hand railings ornament this transition zone between the CVC entrance lobby and the Congressional Auditorium. The majority of work in the CVC now relates to the installation of finishes, doors, and other architectural elements.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 3/26/07 through 3/30/07

- In the Exhibition Hall, workers have installed all of the document cases within both sides of the Wall of Aspirations, including all of the protective glass case doors. A crew is now pressure testing the cases to ensure that the door components are sealed properly. Plaster workers will continue work on the walls and faux marble columns in the virtual House Theater. Ceiling panel installation is expected to resume late in the week in the northeast quadrant of the Hall.
- In the Food Service Area workers have installed the main cabinet components in the servery area and are now awaiting the delivery of the stone countertops. Other cabinetry components for the seating area have been delivered and are now being installed. These components, or “banquettes,” will divide the seating zone into three areas.
- Masons are setting an average of 80 sandstone blocks per day in the East Front of the Capitol and continue setting stone in the atrium walls and the walls flanking the south stair.
- In the East Front transition zone the escalator contractor continues installing the secondary mechanical elements to bring the escalators to an operational status. All the floor stone is complete in the middle and lower landings of the stair.
- Masons have completed setting floor stone in the upper level west lobby in the area previously occupied by the escalators and have turned east and are now working to complete the upper level north corridor adjacent to the Great Hall. This is the last major block of floors space to be set with stone.
- Work continues in the transition zone between the Library of Congress tunnel and the Jefferson Building. Installation of fascia and wall marble is occurring at the main stairs and plaster work is occurring at the cellar level. A contractor is also working to seal some cracks in the tunnel itself to allow for completion of finish plaster and stone work.
- Ceiling drywall installation and plaster work are nearly complete at the Crypt level within the East Front transition zone.

- Millwork is ongoing in the upper level panels in the Congressional Auditorium. Workers have completed installing millwork to the corner walls in corridors leading to the Auditorium.
- Masons have completed most of the exterior stone work on the walls flanking the north and south monumental stairs and along the north and south entrance approaches. Masons have completed setting granite pavers (for areas that are available) along the north and south stepped walkways between the two rows of trees on both sides.
- Delivery of the CVC's exterior 12-foot-high bronze doors is expected to begin later this week and installation expected to begin early next week.
- Steel and concrete placements are complete for the structure and slabs of a spiral staircase in the Senate and House Expansion Spaces. Floor stone work and terrazzo stair installation will follow in April.



Wood doors have been installed at the top of the North and South Orientation Theaters.

Next Week – 4/2/07 – 4/6/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Floor stone installation will continue in an upper level corridor on the north side of the Great Hall. Floor stone covers 126,000 square feet in the CVC, equivalent to three football fields.
- Stone installation will continue in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol. Masons are expected to reach the halfway point of stone installation, approximately 2,400 of 4,700 pieces installed, late in the week.
- In the Great Hall, mechanical contractors will be expected to complete testing and balancing the air handling systems for this area.
- Workers will continue installing the glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall. Ceiling panel installation will continue on the north side of the Hall and plaster work will continue in the virtual House and Senate Theaters.
- Crews will complete continue preparing the floor panels in the Congressional Auditorium for the finished wood flooring and carpeting. Millwork installation continues over the ceiling speaker components.
- Installation of kitchen equipment and cabinetry components will continue in the Food Service Area. All flooring and wall finishes are completed.
- Masons will continue setting exterior stone along the south side CVC entrance zone, particularly for the piers between the bronze railings that line the curving path at the Plaza level.
- Installation of bronze doors may begin at the CVC north entrance.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.
- Masons will continue installing floor stone and setting sandstone columns in the CVC gift shops (see photo above).



Masons install a sandstone column in a CVC Gift Shop.



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In the CVC Exhibition Hall, plaster columns and ceiling details are nearly complete in the Virtual House Theater. The plaster columns will be painted with a faux marble finish to mimic the existing columns in the House Chamber. Both the Virtual House and Senate Theaters include tiered seating that can accommodate up to 30 people. In the theaters, visitors can view films about the House and Senate or see a live feed into the Chambers when Congress is in session. Interactive stations in each theater will allow visitors to learn about their Members of Congress.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/9/07 through 4/13/07

- In the Exhibition Hall, workers have installed all of the document cases within both sides of the Wall of Aspirations, including all of the protective glass case doors. A crew has completed the pressure testing of each case to ensure that the door components are sealed properly. Plaster workers have nearly completed work on the walls and faux marble columns in the virtual House Theater and are now working in the virtual Senate Theater.
- In the Food Service Area workers have installed all of the main cabinet and banquette seating components and are now awaiting the delivery of the stone countertops and base stone. Testing and balancing of the air handling system for the Food Service Area is ongoing.
- Masons continue setting wall stone in the East Front of the Capitol.
- In the East Front transition zone the escalator contractor has completed installing and connecting mechanical elements and the escalators are now operational. In the Carriageway, workers have installed the steel support system for the glass panels that will enclose the transition zone. The glass panels allow views of the House and Senate wings.
- Masons continue setting floor stone in the upper level north corridor adjacent to the Great Hall. This is the last major area of floor space to be completed within the CVC.
- Ceiling plaster work and painting are nearly complete at the Crypt level within the East Front transition zone.
- Work continues in the transition zone between the Library of Congress tunnel and the Jefferson Building. Installation of fascia and wall marble at the main stairs and plaster work at the cellar level are nearing completion.

- Millwork is ongoing in the upper level panels in the Congressional Auditorium. Workers have nearly completed installing millwork to the corner walls in corridors leading to the Auditorium.
- Masons have completed the exterior stone work on the walls flanking the north and south monumental stairs and along the north and south entrance approaches. Masons have also completed the wall stone along the face of the CVC entrance zones.
- Delivery of the CVC's exterior 12-foot-high bronze doors is expected to begin early next week.
- Steel and concrete placements are complete for the structure and slabs of a spiral staircase in the Senate and House Expansion Spaces. Installation of bronze railings and floor stone work on the stair landings will continue through this month.
- Mechanical contractors have completed the testing and balancing of the air handling systems for the Great Hall.
- A paving contractor will complete paving around the House Triangle. Vehicle access will be maintained from the security gate to the House Steps at all times. Weather permitting, this work will be completed by Friday, April 13.



A mason continues setting stone in one of two CVC gift shops.

Next Week – 4/16/07 – 4/20/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Floor stone installation will near completion in an upper level corridor on the north side of the Great Hall.
- Wall stone installation will continue in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol.
- Workers may begin installing the specially-cut glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall. Ceiling panel installation will continue on the north side of the Hall and plaster work will continue in the virtual Senate Theater.
- Millwork installation will continue on wall panels in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of kitchen equipment will continue in the Food Service Area. All flooring and wall finishes are completed. Mechanical crews are expected to complete the air testing and balancing in this area.
- Masons will continue setting exterior stone along the south side CVC entrance zone, particularly for the piers between the bronze railings that line the curving path at the Plaza level.
- Installation of bronze doors may begin at the CVC north entrance.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.
- Masons will continue installing floor stone and setting sandstone columns in the CVC gift shops (see top photo).



The CVC entrance zones are now being cleared and graded to make way for final sidewalk work, landscaping, installation of lampposts and other restoration activities, which will occur into the summer. As can be seen in this photo, the gently sloping approaches to the CVC entrances preserve the sense of procession to the Capitol.

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Workers install a thick glass panel to a steel support structure on the south side of the East Front Carriageway. The glass walls on both sides of the Carriageway will allow natural light to enter the CVC transition zone while allowing views of the House and Senate wings.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/16/07 through 4/20/07

- In the Exhibition Hall plaster workers have nearly completed work on the decorative wall and ceiling panels, and faux marble columns in the virtual House and Senate Theater (see top photo next page).
- Masons continue setting wall stone in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol.
- In the East Front transition zone the escalator contractor has completed installing and connecting mechanical elements and the escalators are ready for operation. On both sides of the East Front Carriageway, workers have installed five of six glass panels that will serve to enclose the Carriageway while allowing natural light to enter the interior space (see photo above).
- Ceiling plaster work and painting are nearly complete at the Crypt level within the East Front transition zone. Floor stone installation is expected to begin in this area in early May.
- Masons are nearing completion of floor stone work in the upper level north corridor adjacent to the Great Hall. This is the last major area of floor stone work to be completed within the CVC.
- Millwork is ongoing for the upper level panels in the Congressional Auditorium and eight of 14 panels are now installed. The millwork for a curving ceiling wall in front of the Auditorium speakers is also complete and workers are now dismantling the related scaffolding. Millwork is ongoing in the lower and upper level seating areas.
- Masons have completed the exterior stone work on the walls flanking the north and south monumental stairs and along the north and south entrance approaches. Masons have also completed the wall stone along the face of the CVC entrance zones and crews are now placing the aggregate concrete sidewalk for the north entrance ramp.

- The stonework for the last two (of six) remaining historic Olmsted lanterns is nearly complete. The installation of the stone and bronze elements for the Olmsted fountains was completed last fall.
- Installation of the CVC's exterior 12-foot-high bronze doors is expected to begin by mid-week.
- Installation of bronze railings and floor stone work on the House and Senate spiral staircase landings will continue through the month. Bronze doors are being installed in the adjacent thresholds on both the upper and lower levels.
- Mechanical contractors are expected to resume testing and balancing the air handling systems for the Food Service Area this week. Meanwhile, the crews continue installing air handling components throughout the facility.
- A paving contractor completed paving around the House Triangle during the recess. Placement of aggregate sidewalks and curb stones is complete around the triangle and sod placement will occur within the next two weeks.
- In House Expansion Space, masons are setting stone to the walls that will flank the central dais. Millwork is nearly complete in adjacent meeting rooms.
- In Senate Expansion Space, finishing activities are nearly complete in the Senate Recording Studio with the exception of carpet installation. Millwork and light fixture installation is ongoing in lower level meeting rooms.

Next Week – 4/23/07 – 4/27/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Floor stone installation will near completion in an upper level corridor on the north side of the Great Hall.
- Wall stone installation will continue in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol.
- Workers may begin installing the specially-cut glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall. Ceiling panel installation will continue on the north side of the Hall and plaster work will near completion in the virtual Senate Theater.
- In the Congressional Auditorium millwork installation will continue on wall panels and in the upper and lower level seating areas.
- Mechanical crews are expected to continue testing and balancing the air handling units for the Food Service Area.
- Workers will continue placing the aggregate concrete for the north pedestrian ramp which slopes from First Street NE to the north-side CVC entrance zone. Concrete placements for the Plaza-level curving path around the Senate egg may also continue.
- Installation of bronze doors will continue at the CVC north entrance.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.
- Sod placement may be completed in the House Triangle and the surrounding fencing will be removed.



In the CVC Exhibition Hall, a worker installs a pre-fabricated plaster panel to a wall inside the Virtual Senate Theater. The decorative ceiling and wall panels are intended to mimic the architectural elements in the Senate Chamber.



Far left: A worker installs a glass fixture to a newly installed lamp post on the East Front Plaza. To the extent possible, all historic elements are being reinstalled in their original locations.

Left: A mason sets a piece of Tennessee Valley marble floor stone in one of the CVC's two gift shops. Along with the floor stone, sandstone columns also help connect these spaces architecturally to the existing Capitol.

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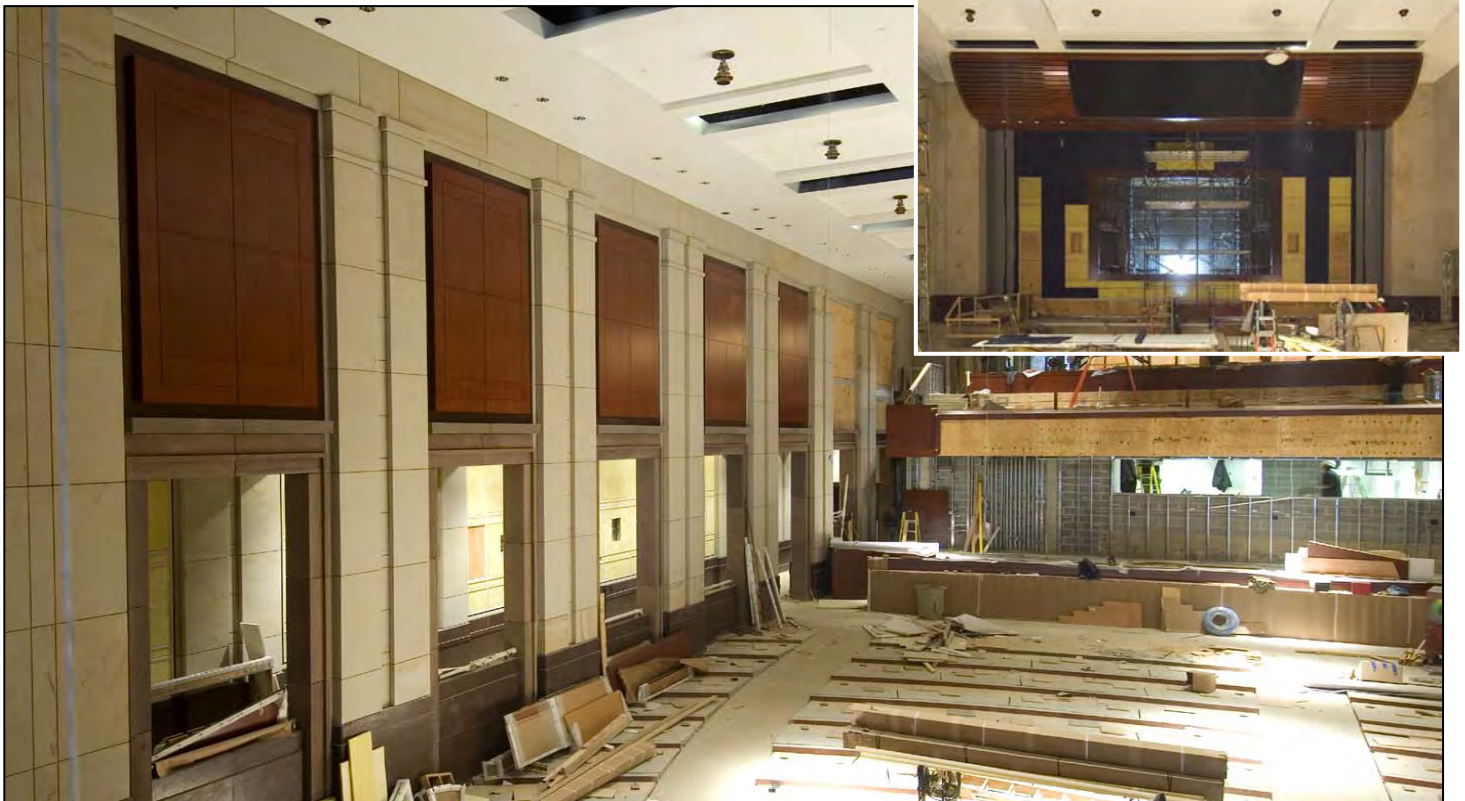
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Workers level off newly placed concrete for the north pedestrian ramp. Inset photo top right: Before the concrete cures, gravel will be added to the top layer to give the ramp a similar look and feel to the pebbled “aggregate” sidewalks throughout the Capitol campus.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/23/07 through 4/27/07

- Masons continue setting wall stone in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol.
- Masons are expected to set the last few remaining pieces of sandstone in the escalator transition zone this week. The remaining plaster ceiling work in the Carriageway, just inside the newly installed glass enclosures, is expected to resume later in the week.
- Ceiling plaster work and painting are nearly complete at the Crypt level within the East Front transition zone. Installation of base stone along the original 1824 face of the Capitol is ongoing. This façade was hidden behind plaster when the Capitol was extended between 1958 and 1962. Floor lighting will illuminate some of the original sandstone.
- Masons will complete floor stone work in the upper level north corridor adjacent to the Great Hall. This is the last major area of floor stone work to be completed within the CVC. Some masons have moved to the north stairwell atrium.
- Millwork is ongoing for the upper level panels in the Congressional Auditorium and 10 of 14 panels are now installed. The millwork for a curving ceiling wall in front of the Auditorium speakers is also complete and millwork is ongoing in the lower and upper level seating areas at both ends of the Auditorium (see photos on next page).
- In the Exhibition Hall, plaster workers have completed work on the decorative walls, ceiling panels and columns in the virtual House and Senate Theaters. A paint crew has begun the seven-step faux marble painting process on the plaster columns in the Virtual Senate Theater. Painting is expected to be completed in both theaters by mid-May.



Millwork installation is progressing on both levels in the Congressional Auditorium. Ten of 14 upper level wall panels are in place (top left) while carpenters continue to install millwork to the low walls in the rear lower level and balcony seating zones (right center). Inset top right: A curving upper level wall at the front of the theater houses the bulk of the Auditorium's robust speaker system.

- Masons have completed the exterior stone work on the walls flanking the north and south monumental stairs and along the north and south entrance approaches. Masons have also completed the wall stone along the face of the CVC entrance zones. Concrete crews have placed approximately half of the aggregate concrete sidewalk for the north entrance ramp and are now working on the south entrance ramp as other grading activities occur on the north side.
- The stonework for the six historic Olmsted lanterns is complete. Masons will soon begin setting gray and rose-colored granite stone around two elevator towers in the center of the Plaza.
- Installation of Six of eight exterior 12-foot-high bronze doors is complete at the CVC north entrance.
- Installation of bronze railings and floor stone work on the House and Senate spiral staircase landings will continue through May. Bronze doors are in place in the lower level thresholds between the CVC and the expansion spaces.
- Mechanical contractors are expected to continue testing and balancing the air handling systems for the Food Service Area and be complete next week. Meanwhile, the crews continue installing air handling components throughout the facility and have begun preparatory balancing activities in the House and Senate Expansion Spaces.

Next Week – 4/30/07 – 5/4/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Floor stone installation will near completion in an upper level corridor on the north side of the Great Hall.
- Wall stone installation will continue in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol.
- Workers are expected to continue installing the specially-cut glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall. A faux marble painting process will continue in the Virtual Senate Theater and begin in the Virtual House Theater.
- In the Congressional Auditorium millwork installation will continue on the upper level wall panels and in the upper and lower level seating areas at both ends of the Auditorium
- Mechanical crews are expected to complete testing and balancing the air handlers for the Food Service Area.
- Workers will continue placing the aggregate concrete for the south pedestrian ramp.
- Installation of bronze doors will continue at the CVC south entrance.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.

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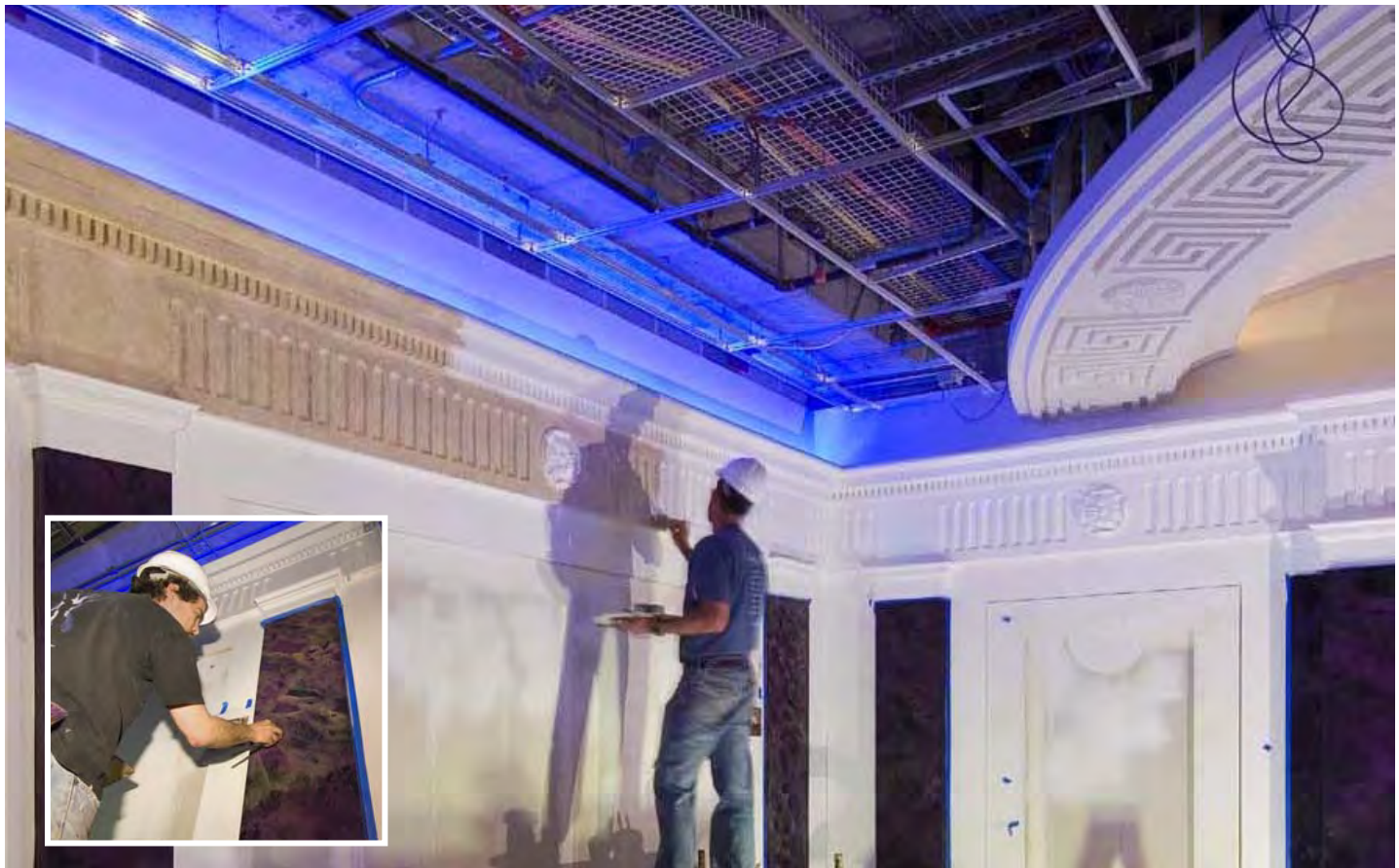


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In the CVC Exhibition Hall, painters apply faux marble finishes to ornamental molding and columns (inset) in the Virtual Senate Theater.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/30/07 through 5/4/07

- Masons continue setting wall stone in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol.
- Masons are expected to set the last few remaining pieces of sandstone in the escalator transition zone this week. The remaining plaster ceiling work in the Carriageway, just inside the newly installed glass enclosures, is expected to resume later in the week.
- Ceiling plaster work and painting are nearly complete at the Crypt level within the East Front transition zone. Installation of base stone along the original 1824 face of the Capitol is ongoing.
- Masons completed floor stone work in the upper level north corridor adjacent to the Great Hall last week and are now focusing on the House and Senate stairwell atria. Work is already nearly complete on all three landings in the Senate atrium and the masons are expected to move to the House Atrium next week.
- Millwork is ongoing throughout both levels of the Congressional Auditorium.
- In the Exhibition Hall, plaster workers have completed work on the decorative walls, ceiling panels and columns in the Virtual House and Senate Theaters. A paint crew is working on the seven-step faux marble painting process on the plaster molding and columns in the Virtual Senate Theater (see photos above). Painting is expected to be completed in both theaters by mid-May. Marble “essay” panels are being installed in the Wall of Aspirations. Millwork installation in the Virtual House Theater will be completed this week.
- Masons have completed the exterior stone work on the walls flanking the north and south monumental stairs and along the north and south entrance approaches. Masons have also completed the wall stone along the face of the CVC entrance zones. Concrete crews have placed approximately half of the aggregate concrete sidewalk for the north entrance ramp and are now working on the south entrance ramp as other grading activities occur on the north side.



A welder secures two pieces of metal railing for a spiral staircase in the Senate Expansion Space. A skylight illuminates the atrium.

- The stonework for the six historic Olmsted lanterns is complete. Masons have begun setting base granite stone around the south exterior elevator tower above the CVC's south entrance.
- An audio-visual contractor began installing the three large media racks for the South Orientation Theater.
- Floor stone work and installation of staircase railings in the House and Senate spiral staircase atria will continue through May (see photo above).
- Installation of eight exterior 12-foot-high bronze doors is complete at the CVC north entrance (see photo below).
- Mechanical contractors will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling systems.

Next Week – 5/7/07 – 5/11/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Floor stone installation will near completion in the Senate stairwell atrium and is expected to begin in the House stairwell atrium.
- Wall stone installation will continue in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol.
- Workers are expected to continue installing the specially-cut glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall. A faux marble painting process will continue in the Virtual House Theater.
- In the Congressional Auditorium millwork installation will continue in the upper and lower level seating areas at both ends of the Auditorium.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system.
- Workers will continue preparing the south pedestrian ramp for placement of concrete aggregate sidewalks.
- Installation of bronze doors will continue at the CVC south entrance pending the completion of threshold work.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.
- Masons will continue installing stone around the south exterior elevator on the East Front Plaza.
- Installation of metal ceiling grids will continue in upper level egress corridors.



Workers install 12-foot-high bronze doors at the CVC's north entrance zone.

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Workers secure drywall to the ceiling grid inside one of the CVC's two gift shops. Sandstone columns line the perimeter of the space.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 5/7/07 through 5/11/07

- Masons continue setting wall stone in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol. Floor stone installation at the Crypt level is expected later in May.
- Masons have completed stone installation in the East Front transition zone and have completed the necessary electrical work to clear the way for installation of the remaining plaster in this zone. Once completed next week, the scaffolding will be removed clearing the way for floor stone installation below in an elevator lobby area.
- Installation of base stone along the original 1824 face of the Capitol is complete and wall stone is progressing.
- Masons continue work in the House and Senate stairwell atria. Work is essentially complete on all three landings in the Senate atrium and some mason teams are now working in the House atrium. Upon completion of this space later this month, the masons will move to the East Front of the Capitol to complete the last remaining major blocks of floor space in the CVC project.
- Millwork is ongoing throughout both levels of the Congressional Auditorium.
- In the Exhibition Hall, a paint crew continues working on the faux marble painting process on some of the decorative plaster elements in both the Virtual House and Senate Theaters. Painting is expected to be completed in both theaters by mid-May. Marble “essay” panels have been installed in the Wall of Aspirations and a floor crew is expected to resume installation of the glass floor panels down the center of the Hall.
- Elevator technicians are now installing the cab components for the two elevators on the East Front Plaza.
- Air handling systems testing and balancing is complete in the Food Service Area, the Great Hall and the two Orientation Theaters.



Inside the CVC Exhibition Hall, a painter applies a faux marble finish to columns inside the Virtual House Theater.

- Masons have also completed the wall stone along the face of the CVC entrance zones and are working on the low-rise walls at the base of the triangular grass panel that slopes down from First Street.
- Crews have begun to install new irrigation system in the Senate egg.
- Crews will install a temporary irrigation line to the House triangle to allow for placement of sod later this month.
- An audio-visual contractor continues installing the media racks for the Orientation Theaters.
- Workers are installing the bronze wall panels around the elevators in the Orientation Theaters.
- Installation of eight exterior 12-foot-high bronze doors is complete at the CVC north entrance and work is now progressing at the south entrance.

Next Week – 5/14/07 – 5/18/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Floor stone installation is expected to be complete in the Senate stairwell atrium and additional crews will continue the work at the House stairwell atrium. Masons will move to the East Front of the Capitol upon completion of the stairwell atria.
- Wall stone installation will continue in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol.
- Workers are expected to continue installing the glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall. A faux marble painting process will continue work in the Virtual House Theater.
- In the Congressional Auditorium millwork installation will near completion in the upper and lower level seating areas at both ends of the Auditorium. A flooring contractor will continue installing wood floor panels in the seating area.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system.
- Workers will continue preparing the south pedestrian ramp for placement of concrete aggregate sidewalks.
- Installation of bronze doors will continue at the CVC south entrance.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.
- Plaza elevator installation will continue.
- Installation of decorative light fixtures and bronze doors will continue in several corridors.

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This photo taken on Friday, May 7, 2007, from the top of the Jefferson Building dome shows the exterior features of the Capitol Visitor Center. Masons have installed most of the plaza deck pavers and wall stone. Crews are now grading the terrain that slopes down from First Street (bottom of photo) to the CVC entrances (center of photo) to prepare it for sod and plantings and installation of irrigation systems. Installation of paving stones on the two central stepped walkways is also nearly complete. These walkways are lined with 34 Tulip Poplar trees that will revive the tree-lined views of the Capitol established in the original Frederick Law Olmsted landscape plan of 1874. Two elevator towers (center of photo) are covered with plastic tarps to keep the weather out while crews install the elevator cab components. All six historic lanterns are in place and two large bronze historic fountains also will be ready for operation later this summer. Most of the stone on the palettes near the East Front center steps (top left of photo) are awaiting installation inside the East Front of the Capitol (see photo on next page).

This Week – Ongoing Work – 5/14/07 through 5/18/07

- Masons continue setting wall stone in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol (see photo next page).
- Workers have completed drywall installation in the East Front transition zone to clear the way for installation of the remaining plaster in this zone. Once completed later this week, the scaffolding will be removed clearing the way for floor stone installation below in an elevator lobby area.
- Masons continue work in the House and Senate stairwell atria. Work is essentially complete on all three landings in the Senate atrium and mason teams are now working in the House atrium. Meanwhile, welders continue securing the steel components that will support the bronze handrails that line each staircase.
- Millwork is nearing completion on both levels of the Congressional Auditorium and wood floor installation is ongoing.
- In the Exhibition Hall, a paint crew continues working on the faux marble painting process on some of the decorative plaster elements in both the Virtual House and Senate Theaters. Painting is expected to be completed in both theaters by early next week. A floor crew has resumed installation of the glass floor panels down the center of the Hall.
- Elevator technicians are now installing the cab components for the two elevators on the East Front Plaza.



A mason installs a decorative piece of sandstone near the ceiling of the third floor (Gallery level) within the East Front of the Capitol. Nearly 4,700 pieces of stone will line the interior walls of the East Front. The doors for two 25-passenger elevators can be seen at the far end of the scaffold.

- Air handling systems testing and balancing is complete in the Food Service Area, the Great Hall and the two Orientation Theaters and is ongoing in the Congressional Auditorium and the CVC entrance zones.
- Outside, masons continue working on the low-rise walls at the base of the north-side triangular grass panel that slopes down from First Street.
- An audio-visual contractor is expected to complete installation of the media racks for the Orientation Theaters.
- Bronze railings are being installed in the South Orientation Theater. Scaffold has been erected in the North Orientation Theater to allow the millwork contractor to replace some defective ceiling panels.
- Installation of exterior bronze doors will be complete at the south side CVC entrance by the end of the week.

Next Week – 5/21/07 – 5/25/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Wall stone installation will continue in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol.
- Floor stone installation will continue at the House stairwell atrium and installation of pre-cast terrazzo stair treads may begin in the Senate stairwell atrium.
- Workers are expected to continue installing the glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall.
- In the Congressional Auditorium, millwork installation will near completion in the upper and lower level seating areas at both ends of the Auditorium. A flooring contractor will continue installing wood floor panels in the seating area.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system.
- Workers will continue preparing the south pedestrian ramp for placement of concrete aggregate sidewalks.
- Installation of bronze doors will continue throughout the CVC facility.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.
- Plaza elevator installation will continue. Grading activities will continue on the sloping terrain near the CVC entrances to prepare the ground for sod placement.
- Installation of decorative light fixtures and bronze doors will continue in several corridors.

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This Week – Ongoing Work – 5/21/07 through 5/25/07

- Masons continue setting wall stone in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol and are now working on the upper courses of stone at the Gallery Level.
- Workers will complete plaster and paint work in the Carriageway within the East Front transition zone. Once inspected, the scaffolding will be removed clearing the way for floor stone installation below in an elevator lobby area.
- Masons continue work in the House and Senate stairwell atria. Stone work is complete on the upper two landings in the Senate atrium and mason teams will begin working in the House atrium this week. Meanwhile, welders continue securing the steel components that will support the bronze handrails that line each staircase.
- Millwork is nearing completion on both levels of the Congressional Auditorium and wood floor installation is ongoing.
- In the Exhibition Hall, a paint crew has completed the faux marble painting process on some of the decorative plaster elements in both the Virtual House and Senate Theaters. A case fabricator is assembling the House and Senate cases along the back side of the Wall of Aspirations while an exhibit contractor has begun installing display support components inside the cases. Installation of glass floor panels is ongoing.
- Elevator technicians continue installing the cab components for the two elevators on the East Front Plaza.
- Air handling systems testing and balancing is continuing in meeting rooms and corridors near the Congressional Auditorium and the CVC entrance zones.
- An audio-visual contractor continues installation of the media racks for the Orientation Theaters.
- Scaffold has been erected in the North Orientation Theater to allow the millwork contractor to replace some defective ceiling panels.
- Rolling scaffolds have been assembled in the Great Hall to allow electricians to install the Great Hall light fixtures.
- Installation of exterior bronze doors has been completed at the south side CVC entrance.



Even from 35 feet below ground, on the floor of the CVC's Great Hall, visitors will be able to see the Capitol Dome in full view. Both of the Great Hall skylights measure 30 feet by 70 feet and allow natural light to fill the interior space.



The faux marble painting is complete on the decorative columns and plaster elements in the Virtual Senate Theater in the CVC Exhibition Hall.

Next Week – 5/28/07 – 6/1/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Wall stone installation will continue in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol and masons are expected to begin preparing the Crypt level for floor stone installation in early June.
- Floor stone installation will continue at the House stairwell atrium.
- Installation of base stone will begin on the cabinetry in the Food Service Area.
- Workers are expected to continue installing case and display components in the Exhibition Hall.
- In the Congressional Auditorium, millwork installation will near completion in the upper and lower level seating areas at both ends of the Auditorium. A flooring contractor is expected to complete installing wood floor panels in the upper level seating area. The lower level seating area will be completed this week.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system.
- Installation of bronze doors will continue throughout the CVC facility.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.
- Plaza elevator installation will continue. Grading activities will continue on the sloping terrain near the CVC entrances to prepare the ground for sod placement.
- Installation of decorative light fixtures and bronze doors will continue in several corridors. Crews may begin installing some of the light fixture elements in the Great Hall.

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In the CVC Exhibition Hall, a worker installs a component to one of eight display cases that are situated on the back side of the Wall of Aspirations. The cases define historical alcoves that highlight Capitol and Congressional history in six blocks of time, dating from 1793 to present day. The cases will include images, documents, artwork and Congressional artifacts. Video monitors in each alcove will show brief films that focus on the key moments in legislative history that occurred within each block of time.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 6/4/07 through 6/8/07

- Masons continue setting wall stone in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol and are now working on the upper courses of stone at the Gallery Level. Stone installation will begin around the Rotunda Door.
- Workers have completed plaster and paint work in the Carriageway within the East Front transition zone. The scaffolding has been removed and masons are now installing floor stone adjacent to the escalators on either side of the central stair.
- Workers have begun installing the bronze arm pendants that will support the light fixtures in the Great Hall.
- Millwork is nearing completion on both levels of the Congressional Auditorium and wood floor installation is ongoing.
- In the Exhibition Hall, a paint crew has completed the faux marble painting process on some of the decorative plaster elements in both the Virtual House and Senate Theaters. A case fabricator continues assembling the House and Senate cases along the back side of the Wall of Aspirations (see photo above) while an exhibit contractor has begun installing display support components inside the cases. Installation of glass floor panels is expected to resume next week.
- Elevator technicians continue installing the cab components for the two elevators on the East Front Plaza. Masons continue to install the stone around each elevator.
- Installation of carpeting and seat components is ongoing in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Air handling systems testing and balancing is continuing in corridors along both sides of the Great Hall.
- An audio-visual contractor continues installation of the media racks for the Orientation Theaters.
- Scaffold has been erected in the North Orientation Theater to allow the millwork contractor to replace some defective ceiling panels. The ceiling panels are arriving this week and the replacement process will begin next week.
- Installation of exterior bronze doors has been completed at the north and south CVC entrances.



A mason checks the level of a stone threshold piece above the exterior bronze Rotunda Doors. Wall stone installation in the East Front is progressing well and is nearing completion at both the Rotunda and Gallery levels.

Next Week – 6/11/07 – 6/15/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Wall stone installation will continue in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol and masons are expected to begin preparing the Crypt level for floor stone installation, expected to begin by mid-June.
- Installation of stone countertops may begin in the CVC Restaurant pending the stone's arrival expected later this week.
- Workers are expected to continue installing case and display components in the Exhibition Hall and installation of the glass floor is expected to resume.
- Carpet and seat installation is expected to near completion in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.
- Plaza elevator installation will continue. Grading activities will continue on the sloping terrain near the CVC entrances to prepare the ground for sod placement and other landscaping later this summer.
- Installation of decorative light fixtures and bronze doors will continue in several corridors.
- Floor stone installation will continue at the House stairwell atrium. Stone installation will continue in the House Hearing Room while carpet installation continues in several areas. The contractor has begun preparing completion "punchlists" for the Senate Recording Studio and some lower level Senate spaces.



Landscapers plant shrubs to restore a portion of the House Triangle just south and east of the House Steps.

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On Friday, June 1, workers began installing some of the 450 seats in the Congressional Auditorium (inset photo). One week later, most of the seats at the ground level are in place while contractors continue to install wood flooring and carpet at the balcony level of the Auditorium.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 6/11/07 through 6/15/07

- Masons are now setting wall stone cap pieces in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol and are now nearly 95 percent complete with wall stone installation. Floor stone installation is underway at the Crypt level.
- A glass contractor will install the last two remaining glass panels that will enclose and seal the Carriageway within the CVC transition zone. The glass panels allow natural light in while providing views of the House and Senate wings.
- Masons continue installing floor stone adjacent to the escalators on either side of the central stair within the East Front.
- Seat installation continues in the Congressional Auditorium (see photo above). Carpet installation continues as well.
- Workers continue installing the bronze light fixtures components in the Great Hall.
- In the Exhibition Hall, a case fabricator continues assembling the House and Senate cases along the back side of the Wall of Aspirations, including the large glass door components and the ornamental millwork.
- A plumbing contractor will begin preparing the CVC fountain pipes for operation so that final stone work can be completed in water features around the Great Hall skylights and at the base of the interior Great Hall stairs.
- Masons continue installing the stone around the two exterior Plaza elevators.
- Installation of carpeting and seat components is ongoing in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Air handling systems testing and balancing is continuing in corridors along both sides of the Great Hall.
- An audio-visual contractor continues installation of the media racks for the Orientation Theaters.
- A millwork contractor has begun replacing some defective ceiling panels in the North Orientation Theater.

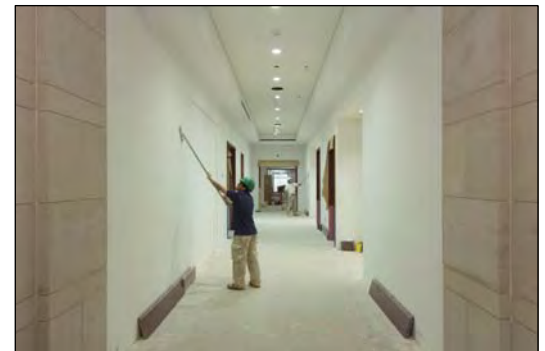


Bronze light fixture components have been installed in the south CVC entrance zone. Workers also continue installing mechanical components to some of the 1,700-pound bronze doors that can receive, along with the north entrance doors, more than 3,000 people per hour into the facility.

Next Week – 6/18/07 – 6/22/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Wall stone installation will near completion within the East Front of the Capitol and masons will continue installing floor stone at the Crypt level.
- Installation of stone countertops may begin in the CVC Restaurant pending the stone's arrival expected later this week.
- Workers are expected to continue installing case and display components in the Exhibition Hall and installation of the glass floor is expected to resume.
- Carpet and seat installation is expected to near completion in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.
- Exterior elevator stone installation is expected to be completed. Grading activities will continue on the sloping terrain near the CVC entrances to prepare the ground for sod placement and other landscaping later this summer.
- Installation of decorative light fixture components will continue in several corridors and in the Great Hall.
- Stone installation will continue in the House Hearing Room while carpet installation continues in several areas. Carpet installation is nearly 75 percent complete in the House Radio and TV Gallery.
- The contractor has begun preparing completion "punchlists" for the Senate Recording Studio. Millwork is approximately 80 percent complete in Senate-side meeting rooms.



Many corridors and interior spaces within the House and Senate Expansion Spaces are nearing completion and will soon be available for "punchlist" inspections by the project design team.

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The Capitol's East Front Plaza is gradually taking on a more finished appearance as evidenced in this aerial photo taken on June 12, 2007. More than 200,000 eight-inch square paving stones now dominate a plaza that had been covered with asphalt when excavation began in August 2002. A total of 85 new trees will replace the 68 trees that had been removed from the project footprint and 34 new Tulip Poplar trees have already been planted (center left). The historical Frederick Law Olmsted-designed fountains and lanterns have been reassembled in their original locations (center of photo). A new irrigation system has been installed in the Senate "egg" (foreground right) and the area is being cleared to prepare it for new topsoil deliveries expected later this week. Curving approaches that gently slope to the CVC entrances respect the intent of the Olmsted landscape, which emphasized the presentation of the Capitol as a key element to the park-like setting.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 6/18/07 through 6/22/07

- Masons continue setting wall stone cap pieces in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol as floor stone installation continues at the Crypt level (see top photo next page).
- A glass contractor has installed the last two remaining glass panels that enclose the Carriageway within the CVC transition zone. The glass panels allow natural light in while providing views of the House and Senate wings.
- Carpet and millwork installation continue in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Workers continue installing the bronze light fixtures in the Great Hall.
- In the Exhibition Hall, carpenters continue installing the decorative millwork to the House and Senate cases located along the back side of the Wall of Aspirations.
- A fountain plumbing contractor will begin preparing the CVC fountain pipes for operation so that final stone work can be completed in water features around the Great Hall skylights and at the base of the interior Great Hall stairs.
- Masons have nearly complete installing the stone cladding for the two exterior Plaza elevators.
- Air handling systems testing and balancing is continuing in corridors along both sides of the Great Hall.
- An audio-visual contractor has begun testing the sound systems for the two Orientation Theaters.



Masons set a piece of marble floor stone at the Crypt Level inside the East Front of the Capitol in an area just west of the main staircase and two escalators that connect the CVC to the Capitol. Up to 15,000 visitors a day will walk through this area to enter and leave the Capitol.

Next Week – 6/25/07 – 6/29/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Wall stone installation will near completion within the East Front of the Capitol and masons will continue installing floor stone at the Crypt level.
- Workers will continue installing millwork and other case components in the Exhibition Hall. Installation of the glass floor may resume.
- Carpet and millwork installation will continue in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in several areas throughout the CVC.
- Exterior elevator stone installation is expected to be completed. Grading activities will continue on the sloping terrain near the CVC entrances to prepare the ground for sod placement and other landscaping later this summer.
- Installation of decorative light fixtures will continue in the Great Hall and in several corridors.
- Stone and drywall installation will continue in the House Hearing Room. Ceiling plaster work continues around the perimeter of the House Stairwell Atrium.
- The contractor continues millwork installation in the Senate meeting rooms. Carpet installation is complete within the 21,000-square-foot Senate Recording Studio.



Just east of the Senate wing, masons set pavers in a decorative pattern inspired by a Frederick Law Olmsted-designed pattern that was identified by the project design team in photographs taken in the 1890s.

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In the CVC's Great Hall, contractors have begun removing the protective boards that have hidden the floor stone for more than a year. Tennessee Valley marble with lighter Dolomite limestone can be seen below the Great Hall's south skylight. Crews have also completed the installation of all of the Hall's 22 light fixtures, which now rest 30 feet above the floor.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 6/25/07 through 6/29/07

- Masons continue setting wall stone cap pieces in several areas within the East Front of the Capitol as floor stone installation continues at the Crypt level. Large sandstone column shafts are being installed at the Rotunda level (see lower photo on back page).
- Workers have completed installing the bronze light fixtures in the Great Hall (see photo above).
- In the Exhibition Hall, carpenters have completed the installation of the decorative millwork to the House and Senate cases located along the back side of the Wall of Aspirations. Masons are installing large marble wall panels that will flank a 10-foot touchable model of the Capitol Dome, while another crew continues installation of a raised glass floor.
- Carpet and millwork installation continue in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Masons are laying pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to curving seatwalls around the House and Senate eggs.
- Air handling systems testing and balancing is continuing in corridors along both sides of the Great Hall.
- An audio-visual contractor has begun testing the sound systems for the two Orientation Theaters.
- Drywall substrate work has been completed in the House Hearing Room. Stone installation continues and framework for a concentric vaulted ceiling above the Hearing Room will begin later this week.
- Millwork is nearly 75 percent complete in meeting rooms within the Senate Expansion Space and carpet installation is complete in the Senate Recording Studio.



A worker installs translucent alabaster stone panels that will diffuse the ceiling lights in a lobby area near the CVC's Orientation Theaters.

Next Week – 7/2/07 – 7/6/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Wall stone installation will near completion within the East Front of the Capitol and masons will continue installing floor stone at the Crypt level.
- Workers will continue installing millwork and other case components in the Exhibition Hall. Installation of the glass floor will continue.
- Carpet and millwork installation will continue in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in several areas throughout the CVC.
- Exterior elevator stone installation is expected to be completed. Grading activities will continue on the sloping terrain near the CVC entrances to prepare the ground for sod placement and other landscaping later this summer.
- Stone installation will continue in the House Hearing Room. Ceiling plaster work continues around the perimeter of the House Stairwell Atrium.
- The contractor continues millwork installation in the Senate meeting rooms. Carpet installation is complete inside the Senate Recording Studio.



Masons set a sandstone column on the Rotunda level of the East Front of the Capitol.

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Inside the CVC, floor protection is being removed in several areas as spaces are cleaned and prepared for inspection. Here, in the Great Hall, a worker washes an area of marble floor that will be home to the plaster cast of the Statue of Freedom that is currently located in the cellar rotunda of the Russell Senate Office Building. The cast is the original plaster model sculpted by Thomas Crawford in 1857. In addition to two large skylights, the Great Hall is also illuminated by 22 custom bronze light fixtures, which now have all been installed.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 7/9/07 through 7/13/07

- Wall stone installation is nearly complete in the East Front of the Capitol. Floor stone installation continues at the Crypt level and is 75 percent complete. Large sandstone columns have been installed at the Rotunda level.
- Workers have completed installing all 22 custom bronze light fixtures in the Great Hall.
- Floor protection covering is being removed in the Great Hall (see photo above) and the Exhibition Hall to allow the floor stone to be cleaned in preparation of the follow-on inspection process.
- All 16 custom bronze entrance doors have been installed at the CVC entrance zone.
- In the Exhibition Hall, carpenters have completed the installation of the decorative millwork to the House and Senate cases located along the back side of the Wall of Aspirations. Masons have installed the last remaining marble wall panels that will flank a 10-foot touchable model of the Capitol Dome. A flooring contractor continues installation of a raised glass floor and has completed the installation of the glass wall panels at the south end of the Hall.
- Carpet and millwork installation are nearing completion in the Congressional Auditorium (see photo next page).
- Masons continue laying pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to seatwalls around the House and Senate eggs.
- Air handling systems testing and balancing is continuing in the House and Senate Expansion Spaces.
- An audio-visual contractor continues testing the sound system for the South Orientation Theater.

- Millwork is nearly 80 percent complete in meeting rooms within the Senate Expansion Space and carpet installation is complete in the Senate Recording Studio. A crew continues to frame the underside of the three-level spiral staircase in the Senate Atrium.
- Carpet installation is complete in the House Radio and TV Gallery. Carpet installation is ongoing in the meeting rooms adjacent to the House Hearing Room. Painting is ongoing in corridors throughout the Expansion Spaces.
- Sod placements will continue in the Senate Egg to restore that zone to its pre-construction state (see photo below).

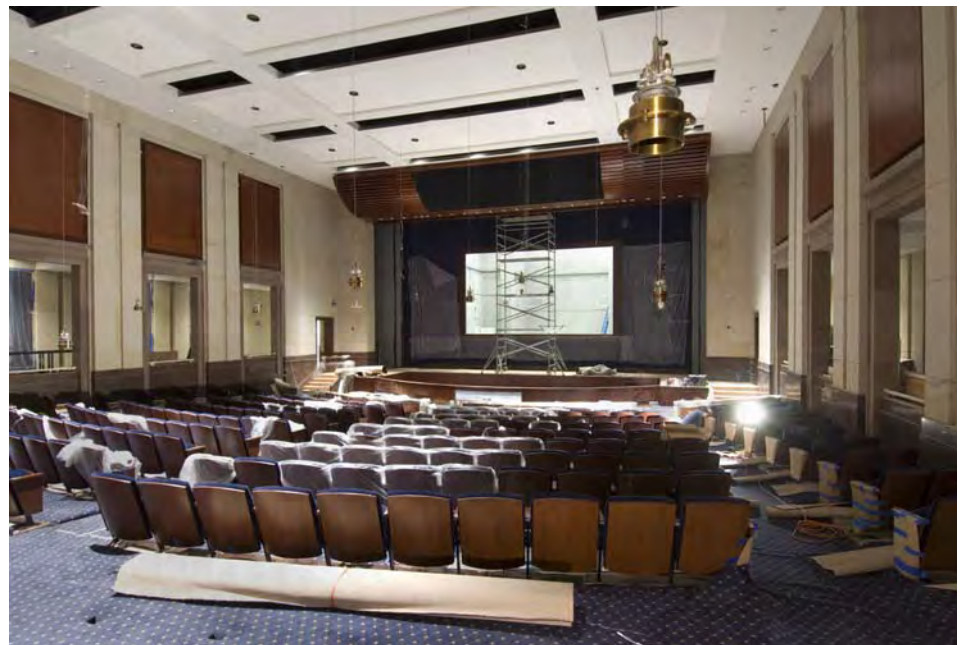
Next Week – 7/16/07 – 7/20/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Floor stone installation will continue within the East Front at the Crypt level. Wall stone installation is nearly complete in this zone.
- Workers will continue installing the glass floor and wall panels in the Exhibition Hall while an exhibit contractor continues installing interior display case components.
- Carpet, millwork and light fixture installation will continue in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system.
- Installation of wood and bronze doors will continue in several areas throughout the CVC.
- Exterior elevator stone installation will continue. Grading activities will continue on the sloping terrain near the CVC entrances to prepare the ground for sod placement and other landscaping activities. Sod placements will continue in the Senate Egg. Crews will continue to install pavers in decorative patterns around the House and Senate Eggs. The paving patterns for these areas were inspired by patterns identified in photographs from the 1890s.
- Ceiling framework is expected to begin in the House Hearing Room.
- The contractor continues millwork installation in the Senate meeting rooms. Carpet installation is complete inside the Senate Recording Studio and in the House Radio and TV Gallery.



Landscape crews have been placing sod within the Senate Egg to restore the large grassy oval located east of the Senate wing to its pre-construction state.



Above: Crews are nearly complete installing carpet and millwork inside the Congressional Auditorium. Most of the Auditorium's floor level seating has also been installed. Above left: A worker adjusts some of the decorative millwork at the base of one of the history cases inside the Exhibition Hall. Left: Inside the House Expansion Space, painters apply a final coat of paint to a ceiling in a main corridor.

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Inside the CVC's Exhibition Hall, workers have removed much of the protective covering from the floor stone as the area nears completion.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 7/16/07 through 7/20/07

- Wall stone installation is nearly complete in the East Front of the Capitol. Floor stone installation continues at the Crypt level and is 75 percent complete. Large sandstone columns have been installed at the Rotunda level.
- Workers have completed installing all 22 custom bronze light fixtures in the Great Hall.
- Floor protection covering is being removed in the Great Hall and the Exhibition Hall (see photo above) to allow the floor stone to be cleaned in preparation of the follow-on inspection process.
- All 16 custom bronze entrance doors have been installed at the CVC entrance zone.
- In the Exhibition Hall, carpenters have completed the installation of the decorative millwork to the House and Senate cases located along the back side of the Wall of Aspirations. A flooring contractor continues installation of a raised glass floor and has completed the installation of the glass wall panels at the south end of the Hall.
- Carpet and millwork installation are nearing completion in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Masons continue laying pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to seatwalls around the House and Senate eggs.
- Air handling systems testing and balancing is continuing in the House and Senate Expansion Spaces.
- An audio-visual contractor continues testing the sound systems for the Orientation Theaters.
- Millwork is nearly 85 percent complete in meeting rooms within the Senate Expansion Space and carpet installation and wall base molding is complete in the Senate Recording Studio. A crew continues to frame the underside of the three-level spiral staircase in the Senate Atrium.
- Carpet installation is complete in the House Radio and TV Gallery. Carpet installation is ongoing in the meeting rooms adjacent to the House Hearing Room. Painting is ongoing in corridors throughout the Expansion Spaces.
- Sod placements will continue in the Senate Egg to restore that zone to its pre-construction state.



A carpenter uses a sander to finish the ceiling trim in the south side CVC Gift Shop. A similar shop is located on the north side of the facility.

Next Week – 7/23/07 – 7/27/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Floor stone installation will continue within the East Front at the Crypt level.
- Workers will continue installing the glass floor and wall panels in the Exhibition Hall while an exhibit contractor continues installing interior display case components.
- Carpet, millwork and light fixture installation will continue in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system.
- Installation of wood and bronze doors will continue in several areas throughout the CVC.
- Exterior elevator stone installation will continue. Grading activities will continue on the sloping terrain near the CVC entrances to prepare the ground for sod placement and other landscaping activities. Sod placements will continue in the Senate Egg. Crews will continue to install pavers in decorative patterns around the House and Senate Eggs. The paving patterns for these areas were inspired by patterns identified in photographs from the 1890s.
- Ceiling framework is expected to continue in the House Hearing Room.
- The contractor continues millwork installation in the Senate meeting rooms located within the Senate Expansion Space.



Despite sloping 18 feet down from First Street NE/SE, the CVC entrance zones preserve the sense of procession to the Capitol and the presentation of the building.

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Inside the CVC Restaurant located just east of the Great Hall, workers recently installed all of the banquette seating components.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 7/23/07 through 7/27/07

- Wall stone installation is nearly complete in the East Front of the Capitol. Floor stone installation continues at the Crypt level and is 85 percent complete. Electricians have begun installing light fixture components in that area.
- Installation of banquette (high bench) seating components was completed in the CVC Restaurant (see photo above).
- Floor protection covering continues to be removed in areas adjacent to the Great Hall to allow the floor stone to be cleaned in preparation of the follow-on inspection process.
- Installation of custom bronze doors is nearly complete in the CVC entrance zones and adjacent corridors.
- In the Exhibition Hall, a contractor has nearly completed installation of a raised glass floor and will begin this week sealing the joints between all the glass panels. Installation of display case components continues (see top photo next page.)
- Carpet and millwork installation are nearing completion in the Congressional Auditorium. All of the seats have been installed at the lower level. The balcony level seating in the Auditorium will be installed in August. Millwork on the eight 28-foot-high panels in front of the projection screen is approximately 50 percent complete.
- Air handling systems testing and balancing is continuing in the House and Senate Expansion Spaces.
- A ceiling contractor has completed the replacement of millwork ceiling panels in the North Orientation Theater.
- Millwork is nearly 85 percent complete in meeting rooms within the Senate Expansion Space and carpet installation and wall base molding is complete in the Senate Recording Studio. A crew continues to frame the underside of the three-level spiral staircase in the House and Senate Stairwell Atria.
- Carpet installation is complete in the House Radio and TV Gallery. Carpet installation is ongoing in the meeting rooms adjacent to the House Hearing Room. Painting is nearly complete in corridors throughout the Expansion Spaces.
- Sod placements have been completed in the Senate Egg to restore much of that landscape to its pre-construction state.
- A crew continues to install bronze railing elements along the pedestrian path adjacent to the House egg.
- Masons continue laying pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to seatwalls around the House and Senate eggs.



Inside the CVC Exhibition Hall, workers install a glass case that will display significant Congressional documents including acts or amendments.

Next Week – 7/30/07 – 8/3/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Floor stone installation will near completion at the Crypt level within the East Front. Light fixture installation will continue in this area.
- Workers will continue sealing the glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall while an exhibit contractor continues installing interior display case components.
- Millwork and light fixture installation will continue in the Congressional Auditorium. Seat installation may begin at the balcony level.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system.
- Installation of wood and bronze doors will continue in several areas throughout the CVC. Installation of bronze doors is nearly 75 percent complete.
- Ceiling framework is expected to continue in the House Hearing Room.
- The contractor continues millwork installation in the Senate meeting rooms located within the Senate Expansion Space. Workers will continue installing the metal framework to the underside of the spiral staircases inside the House and Senate stairwell atria.
- Grading activities and installation of irrigation systems will continue on the sloping terrain near the CVC entrances to prepare the ground for sod placement and other landscaping activities. Crews will continue to install pavers in decorative patterns around the House and Senate Eggs. The paving patterns for these areas were inspired by patterns identified in photographs from the 1890s.



Workers lay decorative blue carpet in the north corridor inside the Congressional Auditorium.

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From the Capitol Dome, this view of the CVC roof deck (more commonly known at the East Front Plaza) shows the progress of restoration activities. Most of the construction trailers have been removed from the Senate “Egg” (upper left quadrant of photo) and more than an acre of sod has been planted. Historical bronze lamp-posts are being re-installed in their original locations and will be accented by a historical decorative paving pattern (center left). All of the centrally-located curving pathways that characterize the original Olmsted landscape have been restored as pedestrian-only zones. The CVC’s six skylights allow natural light to bathe interior spaces while providing visitors dramatic views of the Capitol Dome. Most of the stone material remaining on the deck will be installed in the East Front of the Capitol.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 7/30/07 through 8/03/07

- Wall stone installation is nearly complete in the East Front of the Capitol. Floor stone installation continues at the Crypt level and is 90 percent complete. Electricians have begun installing light fixture components in that area.
- Installation of stone countertops in the Food Service Area is expected to begin this week.
- Floor protection covering continues to be removed in corridors and other areas adjacent to the Great Hall to allow the floor stone to be cleaned in preparation of the follow-on inspection process.
- Installation of custom bronze doors is complete in the CVC entrance zones and adjacent vestibule areas.
- In the Exhibition Hall, a contractor has nearly completed installation of a raised glass floor and will continue sealing the joints between all the glass panels. Installation of display case components continues.
- Millwork installation is nearing completion in the Congressional Auditorium. All of the seats have been installed at the lower level. The balcony level seating in the Auditorium will be installed in August. Millwork is now complete on the eight 28-foot-high panels in front of the projection screen.
- Air handling systems testing and balancing is continuing in the House and Senate Expansion Spaces.
- A ceiling contractor has completed the replacement of millwork ceiling panels in the North Orientation Theater and scaffolding is now being erected in the South Orientation Theater.
- Light fixture installation is complete in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Millwork is nearly 90 percent complete in meeting rooms within the Senate Expansion Space and cabinetry components within the meeting rooms are now being turned over to electricians who will begin installing audio/visual components.

- A crew has completed the framework to the underside of the three-level spiral staircase in the Senate Stairwell Atria (see photo below). Installation of drywall on the framework will begin this week.
- Carpet installation is complete in the House Radio and TV Gallery. Carpet installation is nearing completion in the meeting rooms adjacent to the House Hearing Room. Painting is nearly complete in corridors throughout the Expansion Spaces.kkd
- Sod placements have been completed in the Senate Egg to restore much of that landscape to its pre-construction state.
- A crew continues to install bronze railing elements along the stepped walkways leading down to the CVC entrances.
- Masons continue laying pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to seatwalls around the House and Senate eggs. The original historical bronze lanterns are being installed in the Senate seatwall.



All of the floor and wall stone work is complete inside the Great Hall. All 22 decorative light fixtures have been installed and most of the flooring protection has been removed from the Hall's 20,000 square feet of floor stone. The area in the foreground will be occupied by the original plaster model of the Statue of Freedom, which is currently located in the cellar rotunda of the Russell Senate Office Building where it remains relatively hidden to the general public.

Next Week – 8/6/07 – 8/10/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Floor stone installation will near completion at the Crypt level within the East Front. Ceiling work and light fixture installation will also near completion in this area.
- Workers will continue sealing the glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall while an exhibit contractor continues installing interior display case components.
- Millwork installation will continue in the Congressional Auditorium. Seat installation may begin at the balcony level.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system.
- Installation of wood and bronze doors will continue in several areas throughout the CVC.
- Ceiling framework will continue in the House Hearing Room. Carpet installation will near completion in the adjacent meeting rooms.
- The contractor continues millwork installation in the Senate meeting rooms located within the Senate Expansion Space. Workers will continue installing the drywall to the framework on the spiral staircase in the Senate Expansion Space.
- Grading activities and installation of irrigation systems will continue on the sloping terrain near the CVC entrances to prepare the ground for sod placement and other landscaping activities. Crews will continue to install pavers in decorative patterns around the House and Senate Eggs. Installation of historic bronze lanterns will continue on the Senate seatwall.



Workers complete the metal framework below a spiral staircase in the Senate Expansion Space. The staircase is illuminated by a skylight that will also provide a view of the Capitol Dome.

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Workers install a bronze railing along a stepped walkway leading to the south-side CVC entrance. Both the north and south-side walkways are lined with two rows of Tulip Poplar trees that revive the central portion of the historic landscape designed by Frederick Law Olmsted in 1874.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 8/6/07 through 8/10/07

- Wall stone installation is nearly complete in the East Front of the Capitol. Floor stone installation is complete at the Crypt level. Electricians have begun installing light fixture components in that area.
- Installation of stone countertops in the Food Service Area is expected to begin in August.
- Floor protection covering continues to be removed in corridors and other areas adjacent to the Great Hall to allow the floor stone to be cleaned in preparation of the follow-on inspection process.
- Installation of custom bronze doors is complete in the CVC entrance zones and adjacent vestibule areas.
- In the Exhibition Hall, a contractor has nearly completed installation of a raised glass floor and will continue sealing the joints between all the glass panels. Installation of display case components continues. Photo mural images are now being installed within the House and Senate history alcove cases.
- Millwork installation is nearing completion in the Congressional Auditorium. All of the seats have been installed at the lower level. The balcony level seating in the Auditorium will be installed in August. Millwork is now complete on the eight 28-foot-high panels in front of the projection screen.
- Air handling systems testing and balancing is continuing in the House and Senate Expansion Spaces.
- A ceiling contractor has completed the replacement of millwork ceiling panels in the North Orientation Theater and scaffolding is now being erected in the South Orientation Theater. Clean-up activities have begun in the North Orientation Theater to prepare the space for follow-on inspections.



Installation of wall stone, seating, carpet, millwork and light fixture installation are nearly complete in the Congressional Auditorium.

- Millwork is nearly 90 percent complete in meeting rooms within the Senate Expansion Space and cabinetry components within the meeting rooms are now being turned over to electricians who will begin installing audio/visual components.
- A crew has completed the framework to the underside of the three-level spiral staircase in the Senate Stairwell Atria. Installation of drywall on the framework is ongoing.
- Carpet installation is complete in the House Radio and TV Gallery. Carpet installation is nearing completion in the meeting rooms adjacent to the House Hearing Room. Workers continue installing drywall to the ceiling framework in the House Hearing Room. Ceiling plaster work is ongoing.
- A crew continues to install bronze railing elements along the stepped walkways leading down to the CVC entrances.
- Masons have completed laying pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to the seatwall adjacent to the Senate egg. Work continues along the House egg. The original historical bronze lanterns are being installed in the Senate seatwall.

Next Week – 8/13/07 – 8/17/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Floor stone installation may begin at the Gallery level within the East Front.
- Workers will continue sealing the glass floor panels on the west side of the Exhibition Hall while an exhibit contractor continues installing interior display case exhibitry and lighting components.
- Millwork installation will continue in the Congressional Auditorium. Seat installation may begin at the balcony level.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system. The commissioning of the CVC's 23 air handling units has begun.
- Installation of wood and bronze doors will continue in several areas throughout the CVC.
- Ceiling framework will continue in the House Hearing Room. Carpet installation will near completion in the adjacent meeting rooms.
- The contractor continues millwork installation in the Senate meeting rooms located within the Senate Expansion Space. Workers will continue installing the drywall to the framework on the spiral staircase in the Senate and House stairwell atria.
- Crews will continue to install pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to the House egg. Installation of historic bronze lanterns in the House and Senate egg seatwalls will be completed.

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Photo murals have been installed in many of the House and Senate History cases inside the CVC's Exhibition Hall. The images will provide a backdrop for other images and artifacts that highlight the history of the Capitol and the Congress since it first convened in 1789.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 8/20/07 through 8/24/07

- Wall stone installation is nearly complete in the East Front of the Capitol. Floor stone installation is complete at the Crypt level. Scaffolding is being erected at the Rotunda and Gallery levels to allow for ceiling work to proceed.
- Installation of stone countertops in the Food Service Area is ongoing.
- Floor protection covering continues to be removed in corridors and lobby areas adjacent to the Great Hall and the CVC Entrances to allow the floor stone to be cleaned in preparation of the follow-on inspection process.
- Installation of custom bronze doors is complete in the CVC entrance zones and adjacent vestibule areas.
- In the Exhibition Hall, a contractor continues installing display elements in the House and Senate History cases. Photo mural backdrop images have been installed while the interior lighting components have been inspected and approved.
- Millwork installation is nearing completion in the Congressional Auditorium. All of the seats have been installed at the floor and balcony levels. The contractor is now installing protecting covering over all of the seats and carpeting.
- Air handling systems testing and balancing is continuing in the House and Senate Expansion Spaces.
- A ceiling contractor has completed the replacement of millwork ceiling panels in both the North and South Orientation Theaters and scaffolding is being removed. Clean-up activities have begun in both theaters to prepare the space for follow-on inspections.
- Millwork is nearly 90 percent complete in meeting rooms within the Senate Expansion Space and cabinetry components within the meeting rooms are now being turned over to electricians who will begin installing audio/visual components.



Masons install marble countertops to some of the cabinetry components inside the CVC restaurant.

- A crew has completed the framework to the underside of the three-level spiral staircase in both the House and Senate Stairwell Atria. Installation of drywall on the framework has been completed as well and plaster work is ongoing.
- Carpet installation is complete in the House Radio and TV Gallery. Carpet installation is nearing completion in the meeting rooms adjacent to the House Hearing Room and flanking corridors. Workers continue installing drywall to the ceiling framework in the House Hearing Room. Ceiling plaster work is ongoing.
- Masons have completed laying pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to the seatwall adjacent to the Senate egg and are nearing completion along the House seatwall. The original historical bronze lamp-posts are being installed in the Senate seatwall.
- Crews have begun dismantling and removing a temporary mechanical system on the roof of the Capitol.

Next Week – 8/27/07 – 8/31/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Floor stone installation may begin at the Gallery level within the East Front.
- The Exhibition Hall exhibit contractor will continue installing interior display case photo image panels and other display components.
- Millwork installation is expected to be completed in the Congressional Auditorium. Seat installation is complete.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system. The commissioning of the CVC's air handling units will continue.
- Installation of wood and bronze doors will continue in several areas throughout the CVC.
- Ceiling drywall installation and plaster work will continue in the House Hearing Room. Carpet installation will near completion in the adjacent meeting rooms and corridors. Crews will continue installing cabling and cabinetry components in the Senate Recording Studio and lower level meeting rooms.
- Plaster work is expected to be completed on the drywall along the spiral staircase in the Senate and House stairwell atria. Painting of plaster in the atria and within the House Hearing Room may begin early in the week.

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All of the major finish work is complete in the Great Hall and crews have removed all of the protective covering from the floor stone.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 9/10/07 through 9/14/07

- Clean-up crews continue to prepare interior spaces for the follow-on inspection process. Initial clean-up activities have been completed in the CVC entrance zones, the Exhibition Hall, the CVC Restaurant, the Great Hall, the upper-level east and west lobbies, and several corridors and stairwells.
- In the CVC Restaurant, masons are close to completing the installation of the stone countertops and initial punch-list inspections in this area have already been completed.
- In the Exhibition Hall, a contractor has completed the installation of the photo mural backdrop images in the eight House and Senate history cases. Documents, images and artifacts will be installed in these cases after the environmental systems for the Exhibition Hall have been fully tested. Environmental readings in the Hall are ongoing.
- Millwork, stone and carpet installations are essentially complete in the Congressional Auditorium. Most of the seats have been installed at the floor and balcony levels and the audio system has been tested.
- Crews have begun to apply the final waterproofing membrane to the ground adjacent to the CVC's north entrance in preparation for the follow-on installation of granite paving stones.
- Masons have begun setting sandstone around the Rotunda Door, the last remaining wall stone in the East Front. Ceiling framing and follow-on drywall and plastering activities at the Rotunda and Gallery levels will occur over the next several weeks. Electricians continue to install light fixture components at the Crypt level.
- A crew has completed the plaster and paint work for the underside of the three-level spiral staircases in both the House and Senate Stairwell Atria. Workers are now preparing the metal railing structure for the bronze rails and final painting.



Millwork, carpeting, and floor tile installation are complete in the CVC Restaurant. Initial inspections for this space have been completed.

- Masons have completed laying pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to the seatwall adjacent to the Senate egg and are nearing completion along the House seatwall. The original historical bronze lamp-posts have been installed in the House and Senate seatwall. Masons continue setting large granite curb stones along the north side pedestrian entrance ramp. Nearby, workers are applying a cement ceiling to the carriageway zone between the two CVC entrance zones.
- Workers have removed the temporary mechanical system on the east-side roof of the Capitol. The large crane that had been situated in front of the Capitol building is no longer on site.
- All of the major plaster and stone work is complete in the tunnel to the Library of Congress and in the transition zone within the Jefferson Building. Once workers complete the ongoing installation of ceiling panels in the tunnel itself, a flooring crew will follow with the installation of a terrazzo floor throughout the length of the tunnel.

Next Week – 9/17/07 – 9/21/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Environmental conditions within the CVC Exhibition Hall will continue to be monitored in preparation of a 60-day testing period for the Hall’s environmental control systems.
- Minor work remains on the millwork and stone finishes in the Congressional Auditorium. Seat installation is nearly complete.
- Masons will continue setting the stone countertops on some of the server components in the CVC Restaurant.
- Ceiling framework is expected to begin at the Gallery level within the East Front. Stone installation around the Rotunda Door will be completed, marking the completion of all major wall stone work in the East Front transition zone.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC’s mechanical systems. Technicians will continue to test the CVC’s complex fire and life-safety systems.
- Installation of bronze cladding will continue around door thresholds and window frames near the CVC entrance zone and the Congressional Auditorium. The majority of custom door installation work is now complete throughout the site.
- Workers will continue sand and prime the metal railing support structure in the House and Senate stairwell atria in preparation for the installation of the bronze railing components.
- Installation of ceiling panels is expected to begin in the LOC Tunnel.



A worker polishes a bronze hand rail near the CVC’s south visitor entrance.

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With all major CVC construction work 97 percent complete, the installation of bronze cladding around doors and windows is one of the few finishing activities still visible within the interior spaces. Protective materials have been removed from the floor stone throughout most of the facility.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 9/17/07 through 9/21/07

- Clean-up crews continue to prepare interior spaces for the follow-on inspection process. Initial clean-up activities have been completed in the CVC entrance zones, the Exhibition Hall, the CVC Restaurant, the Great Hall, the upper-level east and west lobbies, and several corridors and stairwells.
- In the CVC Restaurant, masons are close to completing the installation of the stone countertops and initial punch-list inspections in this area have already been completed.
- In the Exhibition Hall, environmental readings in the Hall are ongoing in preparation of a 60-day testing process.
- Millwork, stone and carpet installations are essentially complete in the Congressional Auditorium. All but 20 of the Auditorium's 450 seats have been installed.
- Crews have begun to set pavers on the lower deck adjacent to the CVC's north entrance.
- Masons are nearly complete setting sandstone around the Rotunda Door (*see lower photo opposite page*), the last remaining wall stone in the East Front. Ceiling framing and follow-on drywall installation, plastering and light fixture installation at the Rotunda and Gallery levels will occur over the next several weeks.
- A crew has completed the plaster and paint work for the three-level spiral staircases in both the House and Senate stairwell atria. Workers are now installing the bronze hand rails for each staircase (*see top photo opposite page*).
- Masons have completed laying pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to the seatwall adjacent to the Senate egg and are nearing completion along the House seatwall. The original historical bronze lamp-posts have been installed in the House and Senate seatwall.
- Workers have nearly completed a cement ceiling in the carriageway zone between the two CVC entrance zones.
- Two trailers on the site have been relocated during the last two weeks to allow Plaza finishing activities to proceed.



Workers are now installing the bronze hand rails to the three-level spiral staircases in both the House and Senate Expansion spaces.

- All of the major plaster and stone work is complete in the tunnel to the Library of Congress and in the transition zone within the Jefferson Building. Once workers complete the ongoing installation of ceiling panels in the tunnel itself, a flooring crew will follow with the installation of a terrazzo floor throughout the length of the tunnel.

Next Week – 9/24/07 – 9/28/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Masons will continue installing pavers at the CVC entrance zone at the base of the north-side entrance ramp.
- Environmental conditions within the CVC Exhibition Hall will continue to be monitored in preparation of a 60-day testing period for the Hall's environmental control systems.
- Masons are expected to complete setting the stone countertops on the server components in the CVC Restaurant.
- Ceiling framework is expected to continue at the Gallery level within the East Front. Stone installation around the Rotunda Door will be completed, marking the completion of all major wall stone work in the East Front transition zone.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's mechanical systems. Technicians will continue to test the CVC's complex fire and life-safety systems.
- Installation of bronze cladding will continue around door thresholds and window frames near the CVC entrance zone and the Congressional Auditorium. The majority of custom door installation work is now complete throughout the site.
- Workers will continue installing the bronze hand rails in the House and Senate stairwell atria before installing the terrazzo flooring.
- Installation of ceiling panels will continue in the LOC Tunnel.



In the East Front of the Capitol, a mason applies grout between two stones that line the threshold of the Rotunda Door.

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Masons lay granite paving stones on the lower plaza near the CVC's north entrance zone. The work will progress southward through October.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 9/24/07 through 9/28/07

- In the Great Hall, masons have completed setting stone in the water features that lie at the base of the east staircases. This marks the completion of all major construction and finish work in the Great Hall (*see top photo opposite page*).
- Crews will continue to set pavers on the lower plaza area adjacent to the CVC's north entrance (*see photo above*).
- Clean-up crews continue to prepare interior spaces for the follow-on inspection process. Initial clean-up activities have been completed in the CVC entrance zones, the Exhibition Hall, the CVC Restaurant, the Great Hall, the upper-level east and west lobbies, and several corridors and stairwells.
- In the CVC Restaurant, masons are close to completing the installation of the stone countertops and initial punch-list inspections in this area have already been completed.
- The stone work for the Rotunda Door threshold is complete and masons are now setting the remaining adjacent wall stone, the last remaining wall stone in the East Front. Ceiling framing, drywall installation, plastering and light fixture installation at the Rotunda and Gallery levels will occur over the next several weeks.
- A crew has completed the plaster and paint work for the three-level spiral staircases in both the House and Senate stairwell atria. Workers are now installing the bronze hand rails for each staircase.
- Masons have completed laying pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to the seatwall adjacent to the Senate egg and are nearing completion along the House seatwall. The original historical bronze lamp-posts have been installed in the House and Senate seatwall.
- Workers have completed the cement ceiling in the carriageway pedestrian underpass between the two CVC entrance zones.



Masons install a small black granite slab in a water feature at the base of a staircase in the Great Hall. Water will emerge through the gaps between the slabs and slowly cascade over the angled stone edge pieces (left and right) and then recirculate through the stone slabs. The stone work for both water features in the Great Hall is now complete marking the completion of all major finishes within that space.

- All of the major plaster and stone work is complete in the tunnel to the Library of Congress and in the transition zone within the Jefferson Building.

Next Week – 10/1/07 – 10/5/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Masons will continue installing granite pavers at the CVC entrance zone near the south doors.
- Some work trailers have been relocated allowing stonework and grading activities to continue at the northeast quadrant of the plaza near First Street NE.
- Ceiling framework is expected to continue at the Gallery level within the East Front.
- Masons will continue setting wall stone adjacent to the Rotunda Door on the second floor.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's mechanical systems. Technicians will continue to test the CVC's complex fire and life-safety systems.
- Installation of bronze cladding will continue around door thresholds and window frames near the CVC entrance zone and the Congressional Auditorium. The majority of custom door installation work is now complete throughout the site.
- Workers will continue installing the bronze hand rails in the House and Senate stairwell atria before installing the terrazzo flooring. Installation of a three level marble "feature" wall has begun in the House stairwell atrium.
- Installation of ceiling panels may begin in the Library of Congress Tunnel.



Bronze letters are now being installed in the CVC to identify interior spaces.

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This aerial of the CVC project site taken Friday, August 28, 2007, shows the East Capitol Grounds slowly returning to the pedestrian-friendly environment envisioned by Frederick Law Olmsted in his 1874 landscape plan. When Olmsted designed Central Park in New York City approximately 20 years before coming to Washington, D.C., he said he was trying to provide a respite from the colossal structures around that park. At the Capitol, however, his intent for the landscape was quite the opposite – to focus attention on a colossal structure. The central promenade lined by two rows of trees on each side (foreground left) and the curving pedestrian approaches to the Capitol have been re-established in their original locations thereby recreating the park-like setting Olmsted said would not compete with the formality of the Capitol but, instead, would frame views of the building and highlight its majestic dome.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 9/3/07 through 9/7/07

- Clean-up crews continued to remove protective floor covering from many areas in preparation for the follow-on inspection process. Initial clean-up activities have been completed in the CVC entrance zones, the Exhibition Hall, the CVC Restaurant, the Great Hall, the upper-level east and west lobbies, and several corridors and stairwells.
- In the CVC Restaurant, masons are close to completing the installation of the stone countertops and “punch-list” inspections in this area began early last week.
- Installation of custom bronze doors is complete in the CVC entrance zones and adjacent vestibule areas.
- In the Exhibition Hall, a contractor has completed the installation of the photo mural backdrop images in the eight House and Senate history cases. Documents, images and artifacts will be installed in these cases after the environmental systems for the Exhibition Hall have been fully tested. Environmental readings in the Hall are now being taken.
- Millwork installation is essentially complete in the Congressional Auditorium and masons have set some of the polished granite cap stones on a low millwork wall on the lower level. All of the seats have been installed at the floor and balcony levels. Most of the millwork and wood staining for the Auditorium stage is complete.
- Masons have begun preparatory activities for the stonework in the south side water feature in the Great Hall.
- A ceiling contractor has completed the replacement of millwork ceiling panels in both the North and South Orientation Theaters and scaffolding has been removed. The audio systems for both theaters have been tested.

- Wall stone installation is nearly complete in the East Front of the Capitol. Ceiling framing and follow-on drywall and plastering activities will occur over the next several weeks.
- Millwork is nearly complete in meeting rooms within the Senate Expansion Space and audio-visual technicians continue to installing cabling and other audio/visual components in the cabinetry.
- A crew has completed the framework to the underside of the three-level spiral staircase in both the House and Senate Stairwell Atria. Installation of drywall on the framework has been completed as well and plaster work is ongoing.
- Carpet installation is complete in the House Radio and TV Gallery. Carpet installation is nearing completion in the meeting rooms adjacent to the House Hearing Room and flanking corridors. Workers have completed the upper layer of ceiling work and will now begin installing the framework for lower, and more visible, tier of ceiling panels.
- Masons have completed laying pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to the seatwall adjacent to the Senate egg and are nearing completion along the House seatwall. The original historical bronze lamp-posts have been installed in the House and Senate seatwall. Masons are setting large granite curb stones along the north side pedestrian entrance ramp.
- Workers have removed most of the temporary mechanical system on the east-side roof of the Capitol. That work should be complete by the end of this week.

Next Week – 9/10/07 – 9/14/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Environmental conditions within the CVC Exhibition Hall will continue to be monitored in preparation of a 60-day testing period for the Hall's environmental control systems.
- Minor work remains on the millwork and stone finishes in the Congressional Auditorium. Seat installation and carpeting are essentially complete.
- Masons will continue setting the stone countertops on some of the server components in the CVC Restaurant.
- Floor stone installation may begin at the Gallery level within the East Front.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's air handling system. The commissioning of the CVC's air handling units will continue.
- Installation of wood and bronze doors will continue in several areas throughout the CVC. The vast majority of door installation work is now complete throughout the site.
- Ceiling framework will continue in the House Hearing Room. A lighting contractor will continue installing the components for a large ceiling light fixture above the center of the Hearing Room. Carpet installation will near completion in the adjacent meeting rooms and corridors. Crews will continue installing cabling and cabinetry components in the Senate Recording Studio and lower level meeting rooms. Bronze railing installation will continue in the Senate stairwell atrium.
- Plaster work is expected to be completed on the drywall along the spiral staircase in the House stairwell atria. A subcontractor will continue to install the bronze railing components in the Senate atrium.
- Clean-up activities will continue throughout the site to prepare areas for punch-list inspections.



Like many interior spaces inside the CVC, this upper level lobby near the Congressional Auditorium has taken on a much more finished appearance now that protective covering has been removed from the floor stone and other finishes. Professional clean-up crews will begin working throughout the CVC later in September to prepare areas for the follow-on inspection process.

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As interior finish work winds down throughout Capitol Visitor Center interior spaces, many areas, like this lobby space near the Congressional Auditorium, are ready for the final fire alarm testing process and the punch-list inspections by the project architects.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 10/1/07 through 10/5/07

- In the Great Hall, masons have completed setting stone in the water features that lie at the base of the east staircases. This marks the completion of all major construction and finish work in the Great Hall.
- Crews will continue to set pavers on the lower plaza area between the CVC approach ramps and the north and CVC entrance zones. Masons will continue to move from the north to the south and should complete this work in October.
- Clean-up crews continue to prepare interior spaces for the follow-on inspection process (*see photo above and top photo next page*). Initial clean-up activities have been completed in the CVC entrance zones, the Exhibition Hall, the CVC Restaurant, the Great Hall, the upper-level east and west lobbies, and several corridors and stairwells.
- In the CVC Restaurant, masons have completed the installation of the stone countertops and initial punch-list inspections in this area have already been completed.
- The stone work for the Rotunda Door threshold is complete and masons are now setting the remaining adjacent wall stone, the last remaining wall stone in the East Front. Ceiling framing, drywall installation, plastering and light fixture installation at the Rotunda and Gallery levels will occur over the next several weeks. In the East Front transition zone between the Capitol and the CVC, electricians have completed the installation of seven decorative light fixtures.
- A crew has completed the plaster and paint work for the three-level spiral staircases in both the House and Senate stairwell atria. Masons have completed the marble feature wall in the Senate atrium and are nearly complete with the same work in the House atrium. Meanwhile, workers continue to install the bronze hand rails for each staircase.



Many interior spaces have been cleaned and are now being evaluated by the project team in preparation for final inspections.

- Masons have completed laying pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to the seatwall adjacent to the Senate egg and are nearing completion along the House seatwall. The original historical bronze lamp-posts have been installed in the House and Senate seatwalls. Stone work for both exterior elevator towers is complete.
- Workers have completed the cement ceiling in the carriageway pedestrian underpass between the two CVC entrance zones.
- All of the major plaster and stone work is complete in the tunnel to the Library of Congress and in the portion of the transition zone that lies within the Jefferson Building. The last remnants of the construction fence around the northwest corner of the Jefferson Building have been removed and landscape restoration activities are nearly complete in that work zone.

Next Week – 10/8/07 – 10/12/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Masons will continue installing granite pavers at the CVC entrance zone below the carriageway and will continue working southward toward the south entrance.
- Workers will near the completion of the drywall, plaster and ceiling work in the CVC’s upper level west elevator lobby in preparation for the ceiling close-in inspections later this month.
- Installation of ceiling framework and ductwork components is expected to continue at the Gallery level within the East Front.
- Masons will continue finish wall stone adjacent to the Rotunda Door on the second floor pending the arrival of some ornate stones later this week.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC’s mechanical systems. Technicians will continue to test the CVC’s complex fire and life-safety systems.
- Installation of bronze cladding will continue around door thresholds and window frames near the CVC entrance zone and the Congressional Auditorium. The majority of custom door installation work is now complete throughout the site.
- Workers will continue installing the bronze hand rails in the House and Senate stairwell atria before installing the terrazzo flooring. Installation of a three level marble “feature” wall will near completion in the House stairwell atrium.
- Installation of ceiling panels may begin in the Library of Congress Tunnel.



Paint crews are busy applying the final coats of paint to interior spaces throughout the CVC.

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Installation of servery bins and kitchen equipment is ongoing in the CVC Restaurant. Crews have now completed the installation of all major finish materials (including stone, millwork, carpeting, doors and light fixtures) in the CVC public spaces and the Congressional Auditorium.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 10/15/07 through 10/19/07

- Clean-up crews continue to prepare interior spaces for the follow-on inspection process. Initial clean-up activities have been completed in the CVC entrance zones, the Exhibition Hall, the CVC Restaurant, the Great Hall, the upper-level east and west lobbies, and several corridors and stairwells.
- Workers have installed all of the pre-cast concrete slabs around both Great Hall skylights. Ultimately, a 3-inch pool of water will slowly revolve around a field of black granite stone that will sit on top of the concrete supports slabs.
- In the Great Hall, electricians are installing electrical wire alongside some of the structural support cables below the skylights. The wire will provide power to small spotlights that will illuminate the floor space directly below the skylights during evening hours.
- At the CVC entrance zones, masons have completed setting pavers for the CVC's north entrance plaza and are now working on the south plaza.
- In a main lower level corridor on the north side of the CVC Restaurant, a crew has installed three of four bronze doors in the threshold that separates public space from Congressional space.
- In the CVC Restaurant, workers continue to install fixtures and stainless steel servery bins while professional cleaning crews continue to scrub and polish equipment in preparation for the follow-on inspections.
- In the East Front, ceiling framing is approximately 85 percent complete at the Gallery level and nearly 50 percent complete at the Rotunda level. Ceiling framework is nearly complete at the East Front elevator lobby in the upper level of the CVC directly below the Carriageway transition zone.



As construction work nears completion inside the CVC, palletes of stone and other materials are slowly disappearing from the East Front Plaza. Recently, workers completed the placement of pre-cast concrete slabs in the water features around both Great Hall skylights (center left and right). The slabs will support a field of polished black granite stone. Eventually, a thin pool of water will slowly revolve around the granite and fall off a drip edge on both sides before reaching the skylight glass or the outer seatwall.

- A crew has completed the plaster and paint work for the three-level spiral staircases in both the House and Senate stairwell atria. Masons have completed setting the stone slabs for the front side of the marble feature walls in both atria. Metal workers continue to install the bronze hand rails for each staircase.
- Crews have now removed all of the materials and construction palletes on the west half of the plaza in preparation of the follow-on inspections and plaza repair work.
- Bronze workers continue to install bronze cladding around custom doors and window openings.
- All of the major plaster and stone work is complete in the tunnel to the Library of Congress and in the portion of the transition zone that lies within the Jefferson Building. Masons are now completing the remaining stone work in the transition/screening zone just west of the Jefferson Building.

Next Week – 10/22/07 – 10/26/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Masons will continue installing granite pavers at the south end of the CVC entrance plaza.
- Workers will near completion of the ceiling work in the CVC's upper level west elevator lobby.
- Installation of ceiling framework is expected to be completed at the Gallery level within the East Front and the north side of the Rotunda level.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's mechanical systems. Technicians will continue to test the CVC's complex fire and life-safety systems.
- Installation of bronze cladding will continue around door thresholds and window frames near the CVC entrance zone and the Congressional Auditorium. The majority of custom door installation work is now complete throughout the site.
- Workers will continue installing the bronze hand rails in the House and Senate stairwell atria before installing the terrazzo flooring.
- Installation of ceiling panels may begin in the Library of Congress Tunnel.

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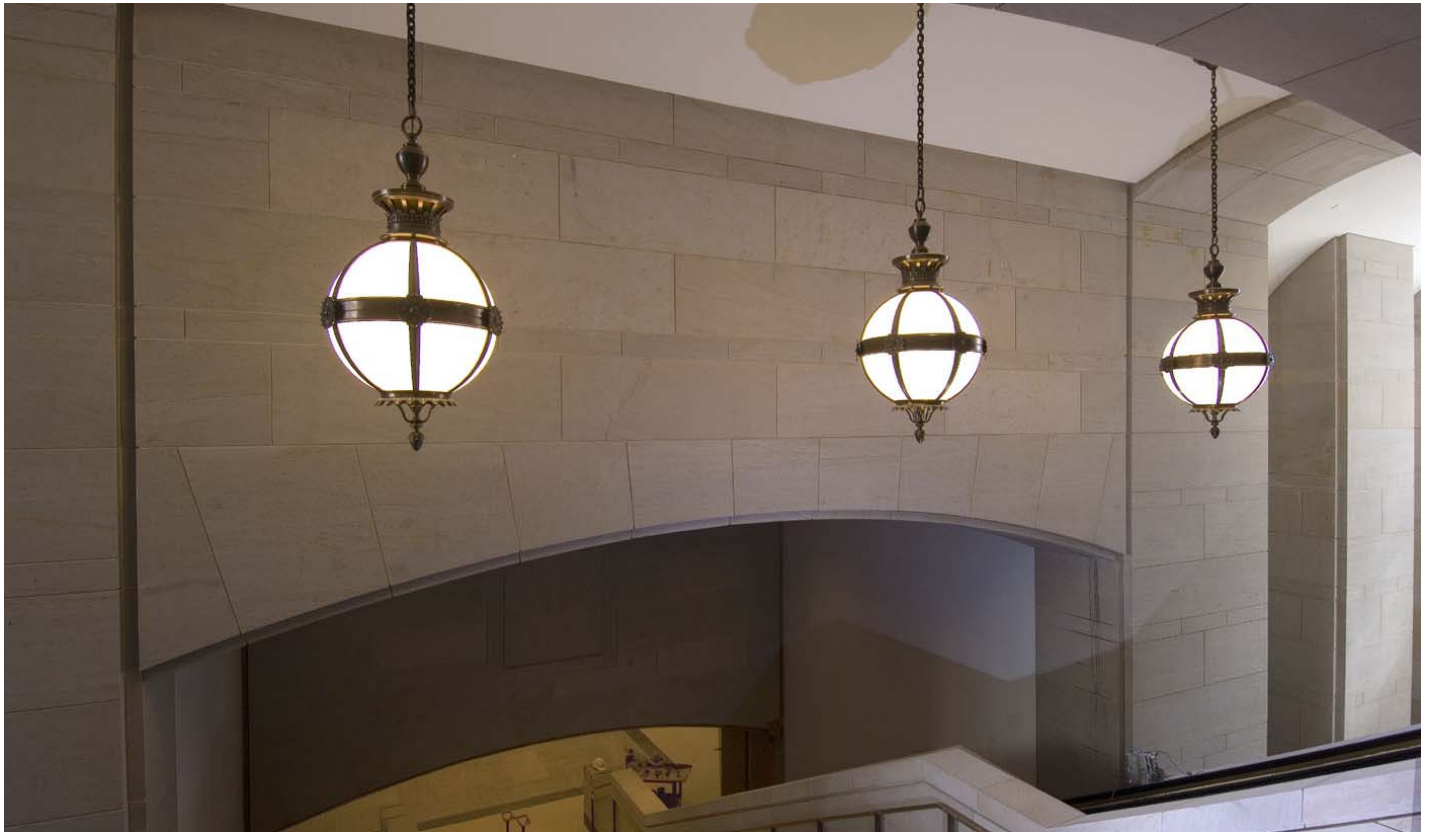
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With wall stone essentially complete in the East Front Extension of the Capitol, crews are now completing the installation of the ceiling grid at both the Gallery level (pictured above) and the Rotunda level one floor below. The access between the House and Senate Galleries through this central zone will be re-established when the CVC opens next year. While a great deal of CVC-related demolition occurred in the East Front Extension, this part of the Capitol was constructed between 1958 and 1962 and, therefore, no significant historic areas were impacted.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 10/22/07 through 10/26/07

- Clean-up crews continue to prepare interior spaces for the follow-on inspection process. Masons are now completing final grout work in the Great Hall and in the CVC transition zone below the Center Steps Carriageway.
- In the East Front, ceiling framing is nearly complete at the Gallery level (*see photo above*) and more than 50 percent complete at the Rotunda level. Ceiling framework is also nearly complete at the East Front elevator lobby in the upper level of the CVC directly below the Carriageway transition zone.
- In the Great Hall, electricians continue to install electrical wire alongside some of the structural support cables below the skylights. The wire will provide power to small spotlights that will illuminate the floor space directly below the skylights during evening hours.
- At the CVC entrance zones, masons have completed setting pavers for the CVC's north entrance plaza and continue working on the south plaza. The paving work immediately in front of the south entrance doors has been completed.
- In the main lower level corridors north and south of the CVC Restaurant, a crew has completed the installation of eight bronze doors that separate public space from Congressional space.
- In the CVC Restaurant, workers continue to install fixtures and stainless steel servery bins while professional cleaning crews continue to scrub and polish equipment in preparation for the follow-on inspections.



New custom light fixtures have been installed in the Carriageway below the Center Steps. Concrete slabs and columns that had occupied this zone were removed clearing the way for a new central stair and two escalators that connect the CVC to the Capitol.

- Masons have completed setting the stone slabs for the marble feature walls in both the House and Senate stairwell atria. Metal workers continue to install the bronze hand rails for each staircase. Crews may begin this week installing the terrazzo stairs treads in the Senate-side atrium.
- An excavation crews continues grading the east end of the north entrance zone near First Street NE to prepare the zone for the remaining work on a low retaining wall, soil placements and the final plantings.
- Bronze workers continue to install bronze cladding around custom doors and window openings.
- All of the major plaster and stone work is complete in the tunnel to the Library of Congress and in the portion of the transition zone that lies within the Jefferson Building. Masons continue working on the remaining stone work in the transition/screening zone just west of the Jefferson Building.
- Electricians have begun inspections of all of the CVC light fixtures.

Next Week – 10/29/07 – 11/2/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Masons will continue installing granite pavers at the south end of the CVC entrance plaza.
- Workers will near completion of the ceiling framework at the Gallery Level in the East Front Extension of the Capitol.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's mechanical systems. Technicians will continue to test the CVC's complex fire and life-safety systems.
- Installation of bronze cladding will continue around door thresholds and window frames near the CVC entrance zone and the Congressional Auditorium. The majority of custom door installation work is now complete throughout the site.
- Workers are expected to complete the installation of the bronze hand rails in the House Stairwell Atrium while a flooring crew installs the pre-cast terrazzo stair treads in the Senate Stairwell Atrium.
- Preparations may begin in the LOC Tunnel for the installation of the terrazzo floor.



Many corridors throughout the CVC have been cleaned in preparation of the inspection process.

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Masons are now setting the pre-cast terrazzo stair treads on the spiral staircase in the Senate stairwell atrium. Another mason team is nearly complete with floor stone work at the lower level of the stair while a metal crew has nearly completed the installation of the bronze hand rails.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 10/29/07 through 11/2/07

- Clean-up crews continue to prepare interior spaces for the follow-on inspection process. Masons are now completing final grout work in the Great Hall and in the CVC transition zone below the Center Steps Carriageway.
- Carpet repair work is being completed in the North and South Orientation Theaters and all of the theater seats should be in place by the end of this week.
- In the Great Hall, bronze letters have been installed identifying the CVC Restaurant and the Great Hall.
- At the CVC entrance zones, masons have completed setting pavers for the CVC's north entrance plaza and continue working on the south plaza. The paving work immediately in front of the south entrance doors has been completed.
- All of the bench components for the Exhibition Hall have been delivered to that location and will be installed once the adjacent floor stone has been cleaned in early November.
- In the CVC Restaurant, workers continue to install fixtures and stainless steel servery bins while professional cleaning crews continue to scrub and polish equipment in preparation for the follow-on inspections.
- Masons have completed setting the stone slabs for the marble feature walls in both the House and Senate stairwell atria. Metal workers continue to install the bronze hand rails for each staircase. In the Senate atrium, masons are nearly complete setting stone in a concentric pattern on the atrium floor while another team has begun setting the pre-cast stair treads (*see photo above*).
- In the East Front, ceiling framework continues at the Rotunda and Gallery levels.



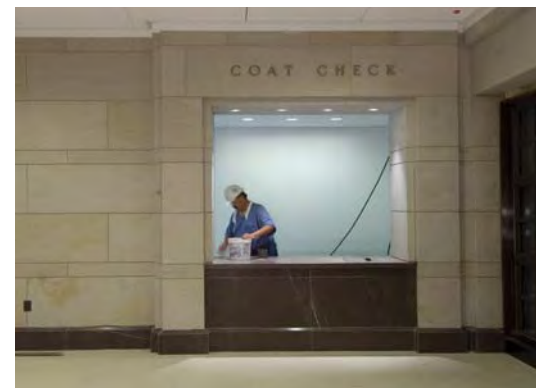
An electrician installs a fire alarm device in the ceiling of one of two CVC gift shops, which are located to the north and south of the Great Hall.

- An excavation crews continues grading the east end of the north entrance zone near First Street NE to prepare the zone for the remaining work on a low retaining wall, soil placements and the final plantings. A crew has begun installing the irrigation system for that zone.
- Bronze workers continue to install bronze cladding around custom doors and window openings.
- All of the major plaster and stone work is complete in the tunnel to the Library of Congress and in the portion of the transition zone that lies within the Jefferson Building. Masons continue working on the remaining stone work in the transition/screening zone just west of the Jefferson Building.
- Electricians continue inspections of all of the CVC light fixtures.

Next Week – 11/5/07 – 11/9/07

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, light fixtures, doors, and other finish materials are inspected.
- Workers will continue installing ceiling framework at the Gallery Level in the East Front Extension of the Capitol.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's mechanical systems. Technicians will continue to test the CVC's fire and life-safety systems.
- Masons are expected to complete installation of pavers at the south end of the CVC entrance plaza.
- Installation of bronze cladding will continue around door thresholds and window frames near the CVC entrance zone and the Congressional Auditorium. The majority of custom door installation work is now complete throughout the site.
- Workers are expected to complete the installation of the bronze hand rails in the House Stairwell Atrium while masons continue to install the pre-cast terrazzo stair treads in the Senate Stairwell Atrium.
- Preparations will continue in the LOC Tunnel to clear the way for installation of a terrazzo floor.



Bronze letters that identify interior spaces have been installed in several locations.

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A 10-foot-tall touchable model of the Capitol Dome (inset) will greet visitors as they enter the CVC Exhibition Hall. All of the architectural and artistic details of both the exterior and interior of the Dome, including the Rotunda paintings as seen above, have been faithfully replicated in a 1:20 scale.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 11/5/07 through 11/9/07

- Clean-up crews continue to prepare interior spaces for the follow-on inspection process. Carpet repair work was completed in the North and South Orientation Theaters and the theater seats have been reinstalled.
- In the Great Hall, small spotlights have been installed below the skylights to illuminate the floor space below during evening hours. All major finishing work is complete in the Great Hall.
- At the CVC entrance zones, masons are essentially complete with the installation of granite pavers at the south entrance plaza area and are now working on detail edge work.
- All of the bench components for the Exhibition Hall have been delivered to that location and the benches for the Virtual House and Senate Theaters have been installed. Light boxes have been installed on the west wall.
- In the CVC Restaurant, workers continue to install fixtures and stainless steel servery bins while professional cleaning crews continue to wash wall stone, dust millwork (see lower photo next page), polish bronze elements, and buff floors in preparation for the follow-on inspections.
- In the Senate stairwell atrium, masons have completed the major stonework at lowest level of the atrium and are continuing to install the pre-cast terrazzo stair treads to the concrete base stair treads. In the House atrium, metal workers continue to install the bronze hand and cap rails along the spiral staircase in preparation for the follow-on terrazzo work.



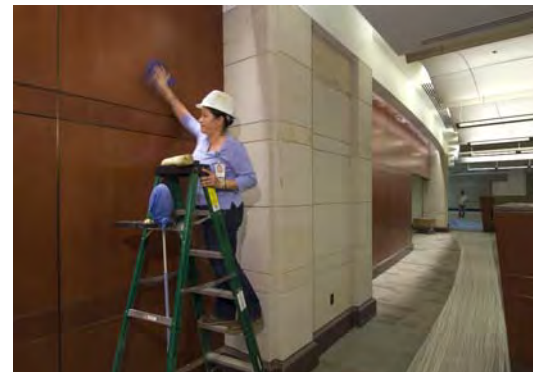
As seen in this photo taken in late October from a camera on top of the Jefferson Building dome, the Capitol Visitor Center has revived, to a great extent, the pedestrian-friendly, park-like setting designed by renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted in 1874.

- In the East Front, ceiling framework continues at the Rotunda and Gallery levels.
- An excavation crews continues grading the east end of the north entrance zone near First Street NE to prepare the zone for the remaining work on a low retaining wall, soil placements and the final plantings.
- Bronze workers continue to install bronze cladding around custom doors and window openings.
- All of the major plaster and stone work is complete in the tunnel to the Library of Congress and in the portion of the transition zone that lies within the Jefferson Building. Masons continue working on the remaining stone work in the transition/screening zone just west of the Jefferson Building and ceiling framework activities have begun in that zone.
- Technicians continue inspections of audio-visual systems and fire and life-safety components throughout the CVC.

Next Week – 11/12/07 – 11/16/07

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.
- The AOC Fire Marshal is expected to begin the final testing process for the fire and life-safety systems.
- Workers will continue installing ceiling framework at the Gallery Level in the East Front Extension of the Capitol.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's mechanical systems.
- Masons will continue work on paver edge details at the south entrance plaza.
- Installation of bronze cladding will continue around door thresholds and window frames near the CVC entrance zone.
- Workers are expected to complete the installation of the bronze hand rails in the House Stairwell Atrium while masons continue to install the pre-cast terrazzo stair treads in the Senate Stairwell Atrium.
- Ceiling work will continue in the LOC Tunnel to clear the way for installation of the terrazzo floor later this month.



A worker polishes a millwork wall panel in the CVC Restaurant seating area. Clean-up activities dominate the work in the CVC public spaces.

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A plumber adjusts one of the many water jets that lie within one of the two oval fountains in the middle of the East Capitol Grounds. The fountains were among the first hardscape elements to be installed as part of Frederick Law Olmsted historic landscape plan of 1874. Olmsted wrote that the misting fountains “should create a rainbow” that could frame the Capitol’s Dome and gas lamps near the jets would help maintain the rainbow in the evening hours. The rainbow has been lost for nearly 30 years when the fountains were relegated to slower moving pools of water so visitors waiting on lines, which often stretched between the fountains, did not get wet on a windy day. When the CVC opens, the misting fountains will be fully operational once again since visitors will no longer stand on long lines on the East Front Plaza waiting to enter the Capitol.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 12/3/07 through 12/7/07

- The final acceptance testing process on the CVC’s fire and life-safety systems continues on schedule.
- Painters, carpenters, plumbers, masons, electricians, carpet installers, and other professionals continue to address punch-list items throughout the expansion spaces.
- Way-finding signs are now being installed throughout the CVC public spaces
- In the Exhibition Hall, crews are now installing the bronze railings for the Virtual House and Senate Theaters. Later this week, workers will also install the glass wall panels at the north end of the Hall. All major case components on both sides of the Wall of Aspirations have been installed.
- Audio-visual technicians continue to install projection system equipment and test the very robust sound system in each theater (see top photo next page).
- At the CVC entrance zones, masons are essentially complete with the installation of granite pavers except for detail work. Landscape crews have completed nearly one acre of sod placement along the north entrance ramp.
- In the Senate stairwell atrium, masons have completed the major stonework at lowest level of the atrium and have also installed the pre-cast terrazzo stair treads. In the House atrium, metal workers continue to install the bronze hand and cap rails along the spiral staircase in preparation for the follow-on terrazzo work.



In the South Orientation Theater, part of a very robust speaker system is visible on the wall that will be hidden behind a 34-foot-wide projection screen (center left). Additional speakers behind louvered panels along the walls and other speakers in the ceiling are part of a state-of-the-art surround sound system that was developed and installed by the contractor responsible for the sound systems in Camden Yards and Verizon Center. Inset: An audio-visual technician installs the wiring for the projection system in the North Orientation Theater.

- In the East Front, ceiling work continues at the Rotunda and Gallery levels.
- Metal workers will near completion of installation of bronze cladding around custom doors and window openings.
- All of the major plaster and stone work is complete in the tunnel to the Library of Congress and in the portion of the transition zone that lies within the Jefferson Building. Masons continue working on the remaining stone work in the transition/screening zone just west of the Jefferson Building where ceiling framework activities continue.
- Technicians continue inspections of fire and life-safety components throughout the CVC.

Next Week – 12/10/07 – 12/14/07

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.
- The AOC Fire Marshal will continue the final testing process for the fire and life-safety systems.
- Workers will continue ceiling work at the Rotunda and Gallery Levels in the East Front Extension of the Capitol.
- Installation of bronze cladding will continue around door thresholds, window frames and some interior wall spaces. Way-finding signage installation will continue.
- Workers are expected to complete the installation of the bronze hand rails in the House Stairwell Atrium while masons complete the lower level stone work in the Senate Stairwell Atrium.
- Ceiling work will continue in the LOC Tunnel to clear the way for installation of the terrazzo floor later this month.



Bronze pin-mounted letters identify interior spaces and way-finding paths throughout the CVC.

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The mosaic field of sandstone on the walls of the Capitol Rotunda served as the architectural precedent for the 200,000 square feet of sandstone that lines the walls of the CVC, as evidenced in this circulation lobby near the Congressional Auditorium. It should be noted that when the Rotunda walls were built in 1822, they were later painted white to give them the appearance of marble and to reflect what little light was entering through the oculus at the top of the original 96-foot-high wood and copper dome that was completed in 1826. The walls were stripped of the paint in the early 1900s revealing the rich diversity of color, textures, and “irregularities” seen today.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 11/12/07 through 11/16/07

- The final acceptance testing process has begun on the CVC’s fire and life-safety systems.
- Clean-up crews continue to prepare interior spaces for the follow-on inspections, which are ongoing.
- In the Great Hall, small spotlights have been installed below the skylights to illuminate the floor space below during evening hours. All major finishing work is complete in the Great Hall including the installation of the bronze pin-mounted letters that identify the Exhibition Hall, the CVC Restaurant and both Orientation Theaters.
- All of the bench components for the Exhibition Hall have been delivered to that location and the benches for the Virtual House and Senate Theaters have been installed. The marble wall panels that will flank the model of the Capitol Dome have been installed. All glass floor panels around the Wall of Aspirations have been installed.
- All of the carpet work is complete in both the North and South Orientation Theaters and the theaters have been cleaned.
- At the CVC entrance zones, masons are essentially complete with the installation of granite pavers at the south entrance plaza area and are now working on detail edge work.
- In the Senate stairwell atrium, masons have completed the major stonework at lowest level of the atrium and have also installed the pre-cast terrazzo stair treads. In the House atrium, metal workers continue to install the bronze hand and cap rails along the spiral staircase in preparation for the follow-on terrazzo work.
- In the East Front, ceiling framework continues at the Rotunda and Gallery levels.
- Plumbers have begun testing the water jets in the historic Olmsted fountains in the center of the East Front Plaza.
- Bronze workers continue to install bronze cladding around custom doors and window openings.

- All of the major plaster and stone work is complete in the tunnel to the Library of Congress and in the portion of the transition zone that lies within the Jefferson Building. Masons continue working on the remaining stone work in the transition/screening zone just west of the Jefferson Building and ceiling framework activities continue.
- Technicians continue inspections of audio-visual systems and fire and life-safety components throughout the CVC.

Next Week – 11/19/07 – 11/23/07

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.
- The AOC Fire Marshal will continue the final testing process for the fire and life-safety systems.
- Workers will continue installing ceiling framework at the Gallery Level in the East Front Extension of the Capitol and finish detail stone work.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing
- Masons will continue work on paver edge details at the north and south entrances.
- Installation of bronze cladding will continue around door thresholds and window frames.
- Workers are expected to complete the installation of the bronze hand rails in the House Stairwell Atrium while masons complete the lower level stone work in the Senate Stairwell Atrium.
- Ceiling work will continue in the LOC Tunnel to clear the way for installation of the terrazzo floor later this month.



A skylight above the stairwell atrium in the Senate Expansion Space provides a dramatic view of the Capitol Dome. The staircase connects all three levels of the Senate Expansion Space.



A worker removes some protective material from floor stone near the entrance to the CVC's South Orientation Theater in an effort to prepare the space for the subsequent inspections. Professional cleaning crews are at work in both theaters and in most interior spaces dusting millwork, buffing floor stone, vacuuming carpets, and polishing bronze and stainless steel elements to clear the way for the final testing of the CVC's fire and life-safety systems. That process will begin on November 16th marking a significant milestone for the project as all major construction work is now complete.



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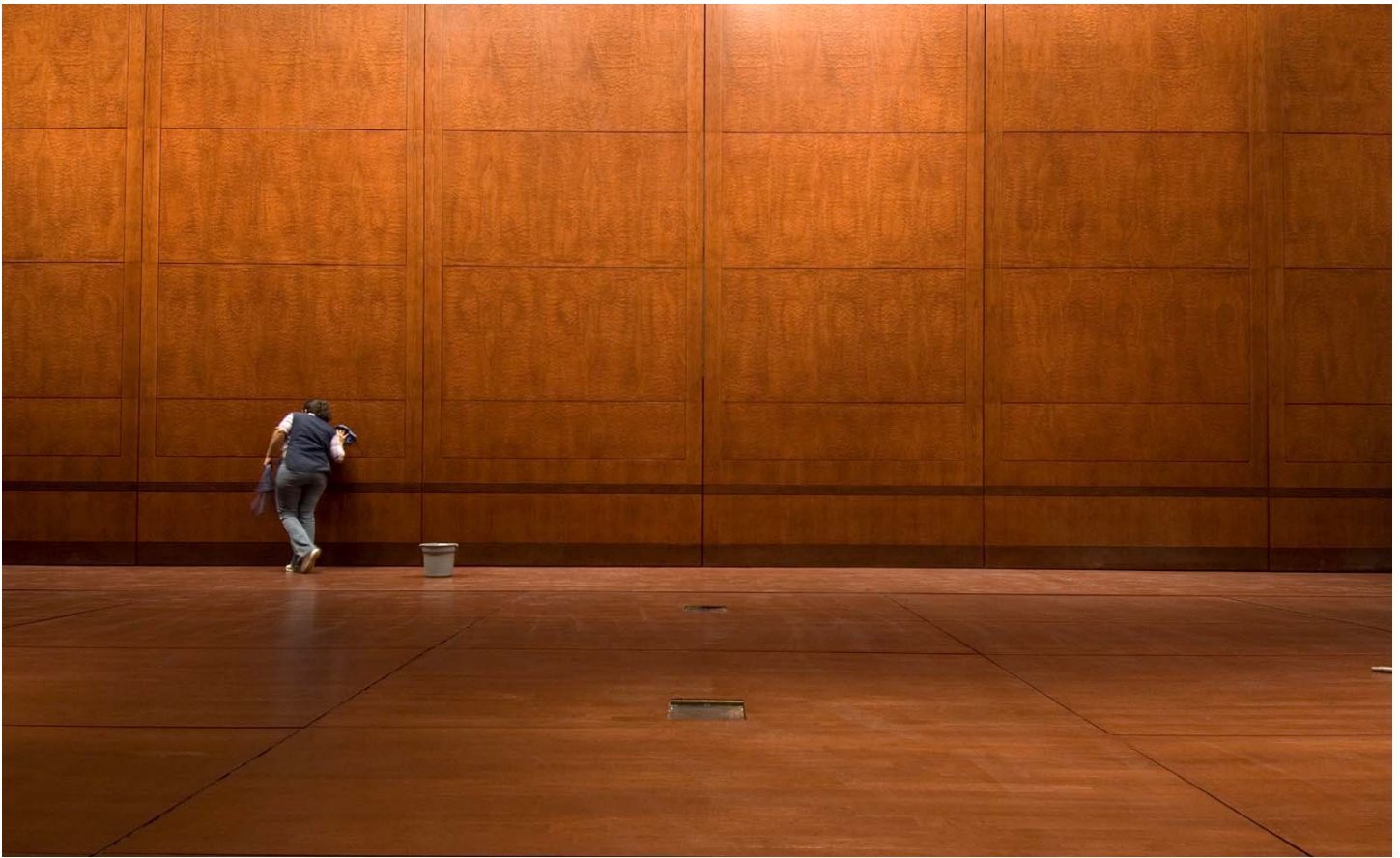
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A landscaper rolls out sod on the sloping terrain that lies between a tree-lined stepped walkway and a curving ramp approaching the CVC north entrance. The CVC landscape design revives the picturesque and park-like setting designed by Frederick Law Olmsted in his 1874 plan.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 12/10/07 through 12/14/07

- The final acceptance testing process on the CVC's fire and life-safety systems continues on schedule.
- Painters, carpenters, plumbers, masons, electricians, carpet installers, and other professionals continue to address punch-list items throughout the expansion spaces.
- Way-finding and room signs have been installed throughout the CVC public spaces.
- In the Exhibition Hall, metal works are nearly complete with the installation of bronze railings for the Virtual House and Senate Theaters. Later this week, workers will also install the glass wall panels at the north end of the Hall. All major case components on both sides of the Wall of Aspirations have been installed.
- Audio-visual technicians continue to install projection system equipment and test the sound systems in each theater.
- At the CVC entrance zones, masons are essentially complete with the installation of granite pavers except for detail work. Landscape crews have completed nearly one acre of sod placement along the north entrance ramp (photo above).
- In the House stairwell atrium, masons have completed the major stonework at the lowest level of the atrium and continue to install the pre-cast terrazzo stair treads. Stair tread installation is complete in the Senate stairwell atrium.
- A crew has installed the terrazzo floor through the length of the Cannon connector tunnel.
- In the East Front, ceiling work continues at the Rotunda and Gallery levels and plaster work is nearing completion.
- Metal workers are essentially complete with installation of bronze cladding around custom doors and window openings.
- Workers will continue to place concrete for the curving approach ramp leading to the CVC's south entrance.



A worker polishes one of the cherry wood panels that hang in front of a 28-foot wide projection screen in the Congressional Auditorium. All of the CVC spaces (excluding House and Senate Expansion space) have been cleaned in preparation for the subsequent architectural inspections.

- All of the major plaster and stone work is complete in the tunnel to the Library of Congress and in the portion of the transition zone that lies within the Jefferson Building. Masons continue working on the remaining stone work in the transition/screening zone just west of the Jefferson Building where ceiling framework and plaster activities continue.
- Technicians continue inspections of fire and life-safety components throughout the CVC.

Next Week – 12/17/07 – 12/21/07

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.
- The AOC Fire Marshal will continue the final testing process for the fire and life-safety systems.
- Workers will continue ceiling work at the Rotunda and Gallery Levels in the East Front Extension of the Capitol.
- Way-finding signage installation will continue.
- Workers are expected to complete the installation of the bronze hand rails in the House Stairwell Atrium while masons complete the lower level stone work in the Senate Stairwell Atrium.
- Ceiling work will continue in the LOC Tunnel to clear the way for installation of the terrazzo floor later this month.



At the Gallery Level (third floor) of the East Front of the Capitol, ceiling work is nearly complete. Stone work in this area was completed this fall.

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A painter applies a base coat of paint to the recently-completed plaster ceiling of the third floor (Gallery level) in the East Front of the Capitol.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 12/17/07 through 12/21/07

- The final acceptance testing process on the CVC's fire and life-safety systems continues on schedule.
- Painters, carpenters, plumbers, masons, electricians, carpet installers, and other professionals continue to address punch-list items throughout the expansion spaces.
- Way-finding and room signs have been installed throughout the CVC public spaces.
- In the Exhibition Hall, metal workers completed the installation of bronze railings for the Virtual House and Senate Theaters. All major cabinetry and case components on both sides of the Wall of Aspirations have been installed.
- Audio-visual technicians continue to install projection system equipment and have completed the installation of the 34-foot-wide projection screen in the South Theater. Work in the North Theater will proceed later this week.
- In the House stairwell atrium, masons have completed the major stonework at the lowest level of the atrium and continue to install the pre-cast terrazzo stair treads. Stair tread installation is complete in the Senate stairwell atrium.
- A crew has installed the terrazzo floor through the length of the Cannon connector tunnel and the terrazzo has been grinded to its finished appearance.
- In the East Front ceiling framework continues at the Rotunda level while framework and plaster work are nearing completion at the Gallery Level. Large 550-lb. decorative stones for the Rotunda door will be installed this week.
- Metal workers are essentially complete with installation of bronze cladding around custom doors and window openings.
- Workers will continue to place concrete for the curving approach ramp leading to the CVC's south entrance.



All of the major cabinetry components have been installed in the CVC's Exhibition Hall. Light boxes and plasma screens will showcase high-definition imagery of both interior and exterior views of the Capitol. Twenty interactive stations will allow visitors to take a virtual tour of the Capitol.

- All of the major plaster and stone work is complete in the tunnel to the Library of Congress and in the portion of the transition zone that lies within the Jefferson Building. Masons continue working on the remaining stone work in the transition/screening zone just west of the Jefferson Building where ceiling framework and plaster activities continue.
- Technicians continue inspections of fire and life-safety components throughout the CVC.

Next Week – 12/24/07 – 12/28/07

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.
- The AOC Fire Marshal will continue the final testing process for the fire and life-safety systems.
- Workers will continue ceiling work at the Rotunda and Gallery Levels in the East Front Extension of the Capitol.
- Audio-visual systems testing will continue.
- Workers are expected to complete the installation of the bronze hand rails in both the House and Senate stairwell atria while masons complete the adjacent stone work and terrazzo stair landings.
- Ceiling work will continue in the LOC Tunnel to clear the way for installation of the terrazzo floor later this month.



A worker applies an epoxy that binds the stones within a terrazzo floor. This corridor connects House-side elevators to House Expansion Space.

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