



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Stone masons (top center) set large blocks of Pennsylvania sandstone between the columns of the Great Hall. Once the stone work is completed, crews will assemble scaffolding across the entire floor of the Great Hall to support a platform for the construction of Hall's barrel-vaulted ceiling.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 1/02/06 through 1/06/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect masonry block work and metal stud walls, place concrete, install finish stone, and apply plaster to interior spaces.
- Stone masons will continue installing floor stone in the corridor south of the Great Hall.
- Stone crews will continue installing stone inside the Great Hall on the east-side columns and along the east walls, and in the 30-foot-high thresholds between the columns on the west side of the Hall. Other stone work continues in the corridors of the Congressional Auditorium. Close to 95 percent of the wall stone has been installed in the Exhibition Gallery. Stone deliveries improved from a low of two in October to 12 in December.
- A crew has completed installing a 6,000-lb. projection screen support beam in the South Orientation Theater clearing the way for workers to continue installing the metal studs that will support the theater ceiling. Installation of the screen support beam for the North Orientation Theater is expected to begin later this week.
- Crews continue to install masonry block units on the basement and Crypt levels within the East Front. Block-work is now up along both sides of the monumental stair connecting the CVC to the Capitol.
- Workers are installing mechanical systems in the East Front (ductwork and electrical conduit) and are continuing to install mechanical elements for two 25-passenger elevators on the north side.
- On the Service Level, crews continue to make the electrical, duct and piping connections to the air handling units, fans and other mechanical equipment.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall. Much of the block work and most of the metal stud walls are now complete on the upper level of the House Expansion space and in the middle level of the Senate space.

- A stone crew will continue installing granite blocks on the south retaining wall leading to the CVC entrance.
- Foundation work continues below the House Carriageway as part of the effort to construct a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to House expansion space.
- Crews continue to lay granite pavers in various zones on the Senate Plaza and along the sidewalk leading to the Senate Steps as restoration activities continue.
- Plaster work continues along the north wall of the Library of Congress Tunnel. Ongoing redesign of the tunnel transition zone into the Jefferson Building has postponed the award of the construction contract for this work.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Utility work continues along East Capitol Street primarily at the intersections with First and Second Streets.
- The utility connections to steam and chilled water lines at Second Street are nearing completion and concrete placements for the walls and roof slab at Second Street around the utility connection points have been completed. All structural work for the tunnel is expected to be completed in January.
- Concrete placements were completed over areas that had been excavated to clear the way for Washington Gas to reconfigure a gas line at First Street, and another concrete placement will occur this week in that zone.



A worker assembles a metal stud support for the ceiling in the South Orientation Theater. The stone work is now complete in both theaters.

Next Week – 1/09/06 – 1/13/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and middle levels of the facility.
- Installation and welding of pipe will continue inside the new utility tunnel along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Related utility tie-in work and concrete placements will continue at First and Second Streets.
- Crews will continue backfilling above the utility tunnel in preparation for East Capitol Street restoration activities in February.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall, underslab conduit, ductwork and floor topping slabs in the House and Senate Expansion Space.
- Demolition and removal of foundation stone will continue below the House Carriageway as part of the construction of a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to the Capitol Visitor Center.
- Masons will continue installing granite pavers to restore the Senate Plaza and the adjacent sidewalk.



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With the help of stilts, a worker (right) applies spackle to drywall in a lower level corridor on the south side of the Capitol Visitor Center.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 1/09/06 through 1/13/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect masonry block work and metal stud walls, place concrete, install finish stone, and apply plaster to interior spaces.
- Stone masons will continue installing floor stone in the corridor south of the Great Hall.
- Stone crews will continue installing stone inside the Great Hall on the east-side columns and along the east walls, and in the 30-foot-high thresholds between the columns on the west side of the Hall. Also inside the Great Hall, a mason team has now begun installing stone along an east-west axis between the south skylight and the adjacent barrel-vaulted ceiling alcove.
- Workers will begin installing the trusses (structural support system) for the escalators adjacent to the Great Hall.
- Crews continue to install masonry block units on the basement and Crypt levels within the East Front. Blockwork will continue along both sides of the monumental stair connecting the CVC to the Capitol.
- Workers are installing mechanical systems in the East Front (ductwork and electrical conduit) and are continuing to install mechanical elements for two 25-passenger elevators on the north side.
- On the Service Level, crews continue to make the electrical, duct and piping connections to the air handling units, fans and other mechanical equipment.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall. Much of the block work and most of the metal stud walls are now complete on the upper level of the House Expansion space and in the middle level of the Senate space.
- A stone crew will continue installing granite blocks on the south retaining wall leading to the CVC entrance.



Stone masons set a rough-cut granite block to the south exterior wall of the Congressional Auditorium. The wall and adjacent concrete work need to be completed early this spring to clear the way for the planting of two rows of Tulip Poplar trees that will line a stepped path leading to the CVC entrance.

- Foundation work continues below the House Carriageway as part of the effort to construct a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to House expansion space.
- Crews continue to lay granite pavers in various zones on the Senate Plaza and along the sidewalk leading to the Senate Steps as restoration activities continue.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Utility work continues along East Capitol Street primarily at the intersections with First and Second Streets. Backfilling activities are nearly complete along East Capitol Street.
- The utility connections to steam and chilled water lines at Second Street are ongoing. Concrete placements for the walls and roof slab at First Street and Second Street around the utility connection points have been completed. All structural work for the tunnel is expected to be completed in January.

Next Week – 1/16/06 – 1/20/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and middle levels of the facility.
- Installation and welding of pipe will continue inside the new utility tunnel along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Related utility tie-in work will continue at First and Second Streets.
- Crews will continue backfilling above the utility tunnel in preparation for East Capitol Street paving activities.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall, underslab conduit, ductwork and floor topping slabs in the House and Senate Expansion Space.
- Demolition and removal of foundation stone will continue below the House Carriageway as part of the construction of a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to the Capitol Visitor Center.
- Masons will continue installing granite pavers to restore the Senate Plaza and the adjacent sidewalk.



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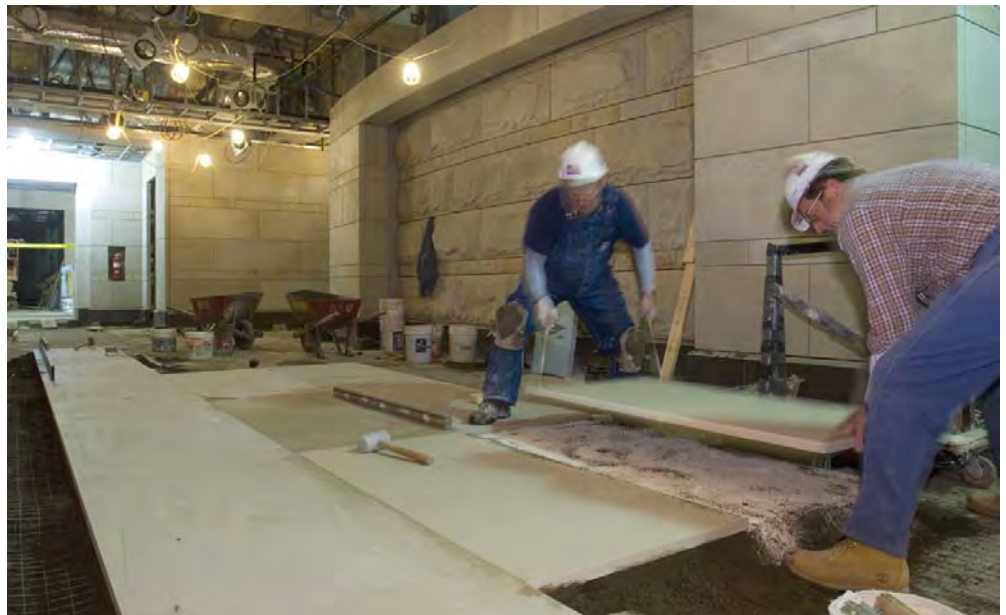
Capitol Visitor Center workers guide an escalator truss (mechanical support system) through a skylight in the Great Hall. The escalator will be situated at the south end of the Great Hall. Overall, the Visitor Center includes six escalator banks and 23 elevators.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 1/16/06 through 1/20/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect masonry block work and metal stud walls, place concrete, install finish stone, and apply plaster to interior spaces.
- Stone masons will continue installing floor stone in corridors south of the Great Hall and near the Congressional Auditorium.
- Inside the Great Hall, stone masons will continue installing stone on the east columns and between the barrel-vaulted ceiling alcoves. Masons have also set two sandstone columns between the Great Hall and the Exhibition Hall.
- Workers will continue installing the structural support systems for the escalators adjacent to the Great Hall.
- Crews continue to install masonry block units on the basement and Crypt levels within the East Front. Blockwork will continue along both sides of the monumental stair connecting the CVC to the Capitol.
- Workers are installing mechanical systems in the East Front (ductwork and electrical conduit) and are continuing to install mechanical elements for two 25-passenger elevators on the north side.
- On the Service Level, crews continue to make the electrical, duct and piping connections to the air handling units, fans and other mechanical equipment.

- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall. Much of the block work and most of the metal stud walls are now complete on the upper level of the House Expansion space and in the middle level of the Senate space.
- A stone crew will continue installing granite blocks on the exterior walls of the Congressional Auditorium and on the south retaining wall leading to the CVC entrance.
- Foundation work continues as part of the effort to construct a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to House expansion space.
- Crews continue to lay granite pavers in various zones on the Senate Plaza and along the sidewalk leading to the Senate Steps as restoration activities continue.



Stone masons set a Dolemite stone slab in a corridor leading to the Congressional Auditorium.

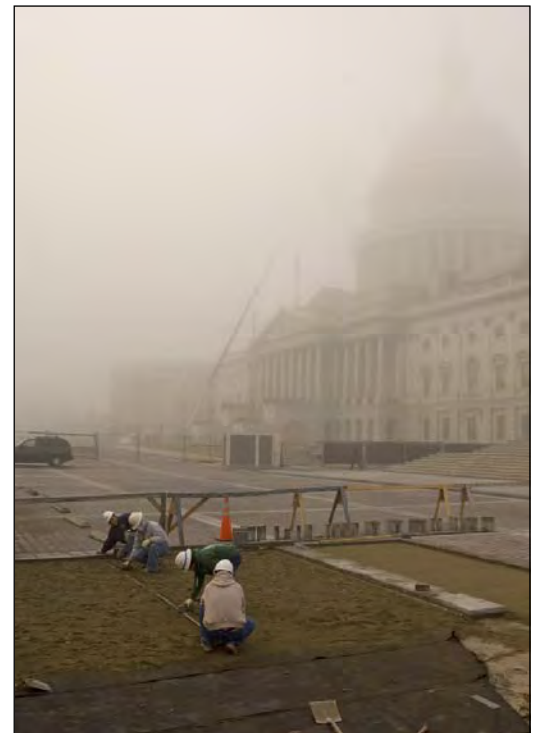
East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- The utility connections to steam and chilled water lines at First and Second Street are ongoing. Concrete placements for the walls and roof slab at First Street and Second Street around the utility connection points have been completed and all structural work for the tunnel is expected to be completed this week.

Next Week – 1/23/06 – 1/27/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and middle levels of the facility.
- Installation and welding of pipe will continue inside the new utility tunnel along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Related utility tie-in work and backfilling activities will continue along the length of the tunnel, which runs approximately 600 feet. Street restoration activities will begin in February and the street is expected to be open to vehicular traffic in March 2006.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall, underslab conduit, ductwork and floor topping slabs in the House and Senate Expansion Space.
- Demolition and removal of foundation stone will continue below the House Carriageway as part of the construction of a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to the Capitol Visitor Center.
- Masons will continue installing granite pavers to restore the Senate Plaza and the adjacent sidewalk in preparation for the State of the Union address on January 31, 2006.



During a foggy Friday morning last week, stone masons prepare a sand and cement bed for granite paving stones in front of the Senate wing.



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Above: Two sandstone columns, similar to the columns in the Crypt of the Capitol, now mark the entrance to the CVC Exhibition Hall. Inset: A worker welds steel support beams that will support sandstone slabs above the entrance threshold.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 1/23/06 through 1/27/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect masonry block work and metal stud walls, place concrete, install finish stone, and apply plaster to interior spaces.
- Stone masons will continue installing floor stone in corridors south of the Great Hall and near the Congressional Auditorium and they will begin moving westward toward the CVC Exhibition Hall.
- Inside the Great Hall, stone masons will continue installing stone on the east columns and between the barrel-vaulted ceiling alcoves. Masons have also set two sandstone columns between the Great Hall and the Exhibition Hall (see photos above).
- Workers will continue installing the structural support systems for the escalators adjacent to the Great Hall.
- Crews continue to install masonry block units on the basement and Crypt levels within the East Front. Blockwork will continue along both sides of the monumental stair connecting the CVC to the Capitol.
- Workers are installing mechanical systems in the East Front (ductwork and electrical conduit) and are continuing to install mechanical elements for two 25-passenger elevators on the north side of the East Front.
- On the Service Level, crews continue to make the electrical, duct and piping connections to the air handling units, fans and other mechanical equipment.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall. The block work and metal stud walls are now complete on the upper and middle levels of the House Expansion space and in the middle level of the Senate space.



Masons execute some final cuts on Tennessee Marble base stone to be installed in the upper level lobby outside the Orientation Theaters.

- Wall “close-in” inspections are now complete in most of these areas. Installation of mechanical and electrical systems has begun on the Service level of the House space and crews are nearing completion of wall framing for the Senate Recording Studio.
- A stone crew will continue installing granite blocks on the exterior walls of the Congressional Auditorium and on the south retaining wall leading to the CVC entrance. Meanwhile crews continue excavation along the north wall to clear the way for the concrete foundation work for a stepped walkway as well as the pits for 18 trees.
- Masons are expected to resume installation of stone for the historic Frederick Law Olmsted-designed fountains.
- Foundation work continues as part of the effort to construct a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to House expansion space.
- Crews continue to lay granite pavers in the sidewalk leading to the Senate Steps as restoration activities continue in preparation of the State of the Union address on January 31.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- The utility connections to steam and chilled water lines at First and Second Street continue. Concrete placements have been completed and final installation of pre-cast sections at First and Second Streets will occur once all piping elements have been delivered inside the tunnel. Installation of ventilation ductwork and piping insulation are ongoing throughout the length of the tunnel. Street restoration activities are still expected to begin in late February.

Next Week – 1/30/06 – 2/3/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and middle levels of the facility.
- Installation and welding of pipe will continue inside the new utility tunnel along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Related utility tie-in work and backfilling activities will continue along the length of the tunnel.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork in the House and Senate Expansion Space.
- Foundation work will continue below the House Carriageway as part of the construction of a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to the Capitol Visitor Center.
- Masons will continue installing granite pavers to restore the Senate Plaza and the adjacent sidewalk in preparation for the State of the Union address on January 31, 2006.

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Construction continues in all areas of the Capitol Visitor Center project site with stone work and utility installation being the most dominant activities both inside and outside the facility.

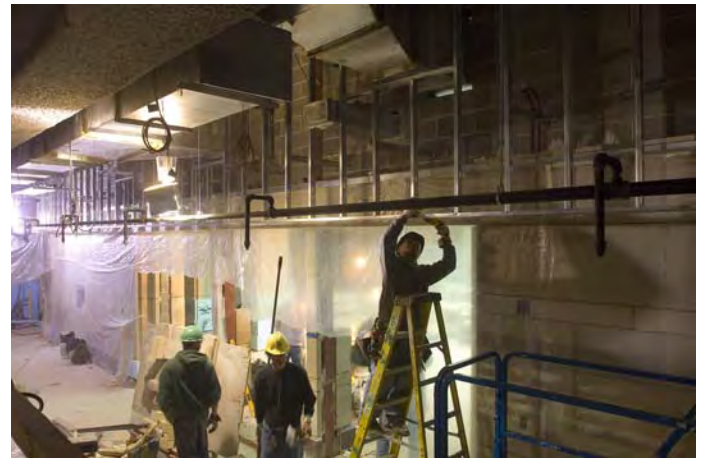


Left: Masons install a granite block to the south exterior wall of the Congressional Auditorium. In March, landscapers will begin planting two rows of Tulip Poplars, a total of 36 trees, along both sides of the Auditorium. In all, 85 new trees will replace the 68 trees that were removed from the East Capitol Grounds to clear the project footprint for construction.

Below: Stone masons secure a 1,500-lb sandstone block before it is raised nearly 30 feet for installation at the ceiling level of the Congressional Auditorium.

Bottom: An early morning view of the East Front Plaza shows most of the 165,000 granite pavers that have been set thus far on the CVC roof deck. The blue rectangles in the center mark the location of large skylights above the CVC's Great Hall. The skylights will replace the blue tarps this spring.





Clockwise from above: A welder connects water lines inside the CVC utility tunnel; Workers inside the Great Hall prepare to raise a sandstone block for one of the ceiling soffits between ceiling vaults; a worker installs a portion of the ceiling support structure in a corridor near the Great Hall; masons prepare a sand and cement bed for granite pavers for the sidewalk leading to the Senate Carriageway and North Door. Most of the stonework in this area will be complete to a level sufficient to support pedestrian and vehicular traffic for the State of the Union address on January 31, 2006.



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The East Front Plaza as it appeared on Friday, January 27, 2005. Near the Senate Steps (top right), paving work and sidewalk restoration activities have been completed to a level necessary to support the State of the Union activities, including the presidential motorcade.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 1/30/06 through 2/03/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect masonry block work and metal stud walls, place concrete, install finish stone, and apply plaster to interior spaces.

- Masons have completed paving work near the Senate Steps, Senate Carriageway and North Security Entrance to a level sufficient to support State of the Union activities, including the arrival of the presidential motorcade.
- Stone masons have begun laying base stone in the CVC entrance zone just beyond the screening vestibule.
- Stone masons will continue installing floor stone in corridors south of the Great Hall and near the Congressional Auditorium and they will continue moving westward toward the CVC Exhibition Hall.
- Inside the Great Hall, stone masons have completed setting most of the stone on all 16 columns and on the soffits that run between the skylights and the adjacent barrel-vaulted ceiling alcoves. Workers have begun to erect scaffolding in the Great Hall near the entrance to the Exhibition Hall in preparation for ceiling work in this zone.
- Workers have installed escalators at the south end of the Great Hall and will work on the north escalators this week.
- Crews have completed most of the masonry block work on the basement and Crypt levels within the East Front and continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems in these areas. Installation of base stone may begin by the end of the week and shipments of sandstone for the interior walls are expected to arrive in mid February.

- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall. The block work and metal stud walls are now complete on the upper and middle levels of the House Expansion space and in the middle level of the Senate space.
- Wall “close-in” inspections are now complete in most of these areas. Crews will continue installing mechanical and electrical systems on the Service level of the House space. On the Senate side, the bulk of work is occurring on the upper level as crews continue to frame



A view of the Great Hall looking east. Scaffolding will begin to rise throughout the 20,000-square-foot Hall as stone work is now complete on all 16 columns and connecting soffits.

walls and install drywall for the Senate Recording Studio.

- A stone crew will continue installing granite blocks on the exterior walls of the Congressional Auditorium. Meanwhile, crews working adjacent to the masons in this zone will continue to assemble formwork and place concrete for the foundations of the stepped walkways and tree pits along the Auditorium walls.
- Masons are expected to complete additional masonry block work for the historic Olmsted fountains.
- Foundation work continues as part of the effort to construct a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to House expansion space.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- The utility connections to steam and chilled water lines at First and Second Street continue. Concrete placements have been completed and final installation of pre-cast sections at First and Second Streets will occur once all piping elements have been delivered inside the tunnel.
- Second Street will be closed in and backfilled by mid-February with similar work at First Street complete by the end of February. Street restoration activities, beginning with the placement of a 10-inch concrete slab over the tunnel will begin following the close-in work at Second Street.
- Crews continue to weld pipes and install ventilation ductwork and piping insulation are ongoing throughout the length of the tunnel.

Next Week – 2/06/06 – 2/10/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and middle levels of the facility.
- Installation and welding of pipe will continue inside the new utility tunnel along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Related utility tie-in work and backfilling activities will continue at First and Second Streets.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork in the House and Senate Expansion Space.
- Foundation work will continue below the House Carriageway as part of the construction of a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to the Capitol Visitor Center.
- Masons will continue installing granite pavers to complete the sidewalk leading to the Senate Carriageway.



Along the north wall of the Congressional Auditorium, workers assemble formwork for a concrete foundation that will support a stepped walkway leading to the CVC entrance.



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Workers apply plaster to drywall in House Expansion Space. Overall, House and Senate Expansion space encompass 170,000 square feet.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 2/6/06 through 2/10/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect masonry block work and metal stud walls, place concrete, install finish stone, and apply plaster to interior spaces.
- Stone masons will continue to set base stone in the CVC entrance zone just beyond the screening vestibule and have begun wall stone installation on the door piers and north wall of the vestibule.
- Stone masons will continue installing floor stone in the corridor south of the Great Hall and they will continue moving westward toward the CVC Exhibition Hall (see photo on second page).
- Stone masons are setting stone along the east side of the Great Hall, near the elevators on either side of the Hall. Workers have erected scaffolding in the Great Hall near the entrance to the Exhibition Hall in preparation for ceiling work in this zone.
- Workers have installed escalators at the north and south ends of the Great Hall. The escalators for the East Front transition zone are expected to arrive from the manufacturer next week.
- Inside the East Front, crews continue masonry block work along the face of the original Capitol to enclose utility lines. Other blockwork continues alongside the stairs at the south end of the East Front transition zone.
- The first shipment of sandstone for the East Front has arrived from a new quarry and will be installed within a few weeks pending the completion of base stone in the East Front.
- A historic preservation contractor has resumed stone work on the Olmsted fountains above the CVC entrance zone.
- A stone crew will continue installing granite blocks on the exterior walls of the Congressional Auditorium. Concrete crews are working adjacent to the masons in this zone and have completed the south side of the foundation work for the stepped walkway along the north side of the Auditorium.



Before grouting, workers apply a liquid stone filler between dolomite floor stones in a corridor at the south end of the Great Hall.

- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space (HES, SES), crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall. The block work and metal stud walls are now complete on the upper and middle levels of the HES and painters are now priming all the walls in the middle level of HES. Wall framing is now complete in the middle level of the SES and close-in inspections are ongoing on this level. Metal stud walls are being assembled on the upper level of SES for the Senate Recording Studio.
- Foundation work continues as part of the effort to construct a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to House expansion space.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- The utility connections to steam and chilled water lines at First and Second Street continue. Concrete placements have been completed and final installation of pre-cast sections at First and Second Streets will occur once all piping elements have been delivered inside the tunnel.
- Second Street will be closed in and backfilled by mid-February with similar work at First Street complete in early March. Street restoration activities, beginning with the placement of a 10-inch concrete slab over the tunnel will begin following the close-in work at Second Street.
- Crews continue to weld pipes, and install ventilation ductwork and piping insulation.

Next Week – 2/13/06 – 2/17/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and middle levels of the facility.
- Escalators for the East Front are expected to arrive. Installation will begin.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork in the House and Senate Expansion Space.
- Foundation work will continue below the House Carriageway as part of the construction of a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to the Capitol Visitor Center.
- Foundation work will continue on the north side of the Congressional Auditorium for a stepped walkway and large planter boxes for Tulip Poplar trees.
- Stone work to restore the historic Olmsted fountains will continue.
- Installation and welding of pipe will continue inside the new utility tunnel along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Related utility tie-in work and backfilling activities will continue at First and Second Streets.



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A forklift is used to raise a heavy block of burgundy sandstone into place above the entrance threshold for the North Orientation Theater.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 2/13/06 through 2/17/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect masonry block work and metal stud walls, place concrete, install finish stone, and apply plaster to interior spaces.
- Stone masons will continue to set base and wall stone in the CVC entrance zone.
- Stone masons will continue installing floor stone in the corridor south of the Great Hall and they will continue moving westward toward the CVC Exhibition Hall where floor stone work is expected to begin next week.
- Stone masons are setting stone along the east side of the Great Hall, near the elevators on either side of the Hall. Workers have erected scaffolding in the Great Hall near the entrance to the Exhibition Hall in preparation for ceiling work in this zone. Additional scaffolding is being erected at the south side of the Great Hall to prepare for work on the barrel-vaulted ceiling.
- Workers have installed escalators at the north and south ends of the Great Hall.
- Inside the East Front, crews continue masonry block work along the face of the original Capitol to enclose utility lines. Other blockwork continues alongside the stairs at the south end of the East Front transition zone. The escalators for the East Front transition zone have arrived from the manufacture and will be installed following completion of stone installation on the blockwork adjacent to the escalator pathways.

- A historic preservation contractor has completed installation of the upper tier of stone on the north Olmsted fountain.
- A stone crew will continue installing granite blocks on the exterior walls of the Congressional Auditorium. Concrete crews are working adjacent to the masons in this zone to prepare the area for the first of 85 new trees that will be planted this March.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space (HES, SES), crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall.



Utility connections are nearing completion in the East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel.

- The block work and metal stud walls are now complete on the upper and middle levels of the HES and painters continue priming all the walls in the middle level of HES. Close-in inspections continue on the middle level of the SES. Metal stud wall construction continues on the upper level of SES for the Senate Recording Studio.
- Foundation work continues as part of the effort to construct a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to House expansion space.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- The utility connections to steam and chilled water lines are complete at Second Street and continue at First Street. Concrete placements have been completed and final installation of pre-cast sections at First and Second Streets will occur once all piping elements have been delivered inside the tunnel, expected by early this March.
- Street restoration activities, beginning with the placement of a 10-inch concrete slab over the tunnel will begin following the close-in work at Second Street, which is expected to begin in late February.
- Crews continue to weld pipes, and install ventilation ductwork and piping insulation on all of the utility lines.

Next Week – 2/20/06 – 2/24/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and middle levels of the facility.
- Installation of base stone is expected to begin inside the East Front.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork in the House and Senate Expansion Space.
- Foundation work will continue below the House Carriageway as part of the construction of a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to the Capitol Visitor Center.
- Foundation work will continue on the north side of the Congressional Auditorium for a stepped walkway and large planter boxes for Tulip Poplar trees.
- Stone work to restore the historic Olmsted fountains will continue on the south fountain.
- Installation and welding of pipe will continue inside the new utility tunnel along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Related utility tie-in work and backfilling activities will continue at First and Second Streets.



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A worker installs telecommunications conduit in the ceiling of the CVC Exhibition Hall. The lines will connect House and Senate Expansion space.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 2/20/06 through 2/24/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect masonry block work and metal stud walls, place concrete, install finish stone, and apply plaster to interior spaces.
- Stone masons will continue to set base and wall stone in the CVC entrance zone.
- Stone masons will continue installing floor stone in the corridor south of the Great Hall and they will continue moving westward toward the CVC Exhibition Hall.
- Stone masons continue setting stone along the east side of the Great Hall, near the elevators on either side of the Hall. Workers have erected scaffolding in the Great Hall near the entrance to the Exhibition Hall and have begun framework for the vaulted ceiling in this zone.
- Inside the East Front, crews continue masonry block work along the face of the original Capitol to enclose utility lines and prepare the zone for stone installation, which is expected to begin next week. Other blockwork continues alongside the stairs at the south end of the East Front transition zone.
- A stone crew will continue installing granite blocks on the exterior walls of the Congressional Auditorium. Concrete crews are working adjacent to the masons in this zone to prepare the area for the first of 85 new trees that will be planted this March.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space (HES, SES), crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall.



Workers use jackhammers to demolish the mortar bed below the East Front center steps as part of an effort to re-waterproof the structure. The project, part of the Architect of the Capitol maintenance program, is especially critical now that the space immediately below the steps will serve as the primary transition zone between the Visitor Center and the Capitol building.

- Foundation work continues as part of the effort to construct a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to House expansion space.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- The utility connections to steam and chilled water lines are complete at Second Street and continue at First Street. Concrete placements have been completed and final installation of pre-cast sections at First and Second Streets will occur once all piping elements have been delivered inside the tunnel, expected by early this March.
- Street restoration activities, beginning with the placement of a 10-inch concrete slab over the tunnel will begin following the close-in work at Second Street, which is expected to begin in late February.
- Crews continue to weld pipes, and install ventilation ductwork and piping insulation on all of the utility lines.

Next Week – 2/27/06 – 3/03/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and middle levels of the facility.
- Installation of base stone is expected to begin inside the East Front.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork in the House and Senate Expansion Space.
- Foundation work will continue on the north side of the Congressional Auditorium for a stepped walkway and large planter boxes for Tulip Poplar trees.
- Installation and welding of pipe will continue inside the new utility tunnel along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Related utility tie-in work and backfilling activities will continue at First and Second Streets.



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In the Great Hall, a worker secures metal studs in place for the vaulted ceiling above the entrance to the CVC Exhibition Hall.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 2/27/06 through 3/03/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect masonry block work and metal stud walls, place concrete, install finish stone, and apply plaster to interior spaces.
- Stone masons will continue to set base and wall stone in the CVC entrance zone.
- Stone masons continue setting stone along the east side of the Great Hall, near the elevators on either side of the Hall. Workers have erected scaffolding in the Great Hall near the entrance to the Exhibition Hall and have begun frame-work for the vaulted ceiling in this zone.
- Inside the East Front, crews continue masonry block work along the face of the original Capitol to enclose utility lines and prepare the zone for stone installation, which has begun at the lower level of the transition zone.
- A stone crew will continue installing granite blocks on the exterior walls of the Congressional Auditorium. Concrete crews are working adjacent to the masons in this zone to prepare the area for the first of 85 new trees that will be planted this March.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space (HES, SES), crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall.
- Foundation work continues as part of the effort to construct a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to House expansion space.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- The utility connections to steam and chilled water lines are complete at Second Street and continue at First Street. Concrete placements have been completed and final installation of pre-cast sections at First and Second Streets will occur once all piping elements have been delivered inside the tunnel, expected by early this March.
- Street restoration activities, beginning with the placement of a 10-inch concrete slab over the tunnel will begin following the ongoing backfill work at Second Street.
- Crews continue to weld pipes, and install ventilation ductwork and piping insulation on all of the utility lines.

Next Week – 3/06/06 – 3/10/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and middle levels of the facility.
- Installation of base stone and wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork in the House and Senate Expansion Space.
- Foundation work will continue on the north side of the Congressional Auditorium for a stepped walkway and large planter boxes for Tulip Poplar trees.
- Installation and welding of pipe will continue inside the new utility tunnel along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Related utility tie-in work and backfilling activities will continue at First and Second Streets.
- Work on a 10-inch concrete slab may begin near Second Street as part of the effort to restore the street for traffic.



A worker uses a power washer to clean a sandstone wall in the CVC Exhibition Hall. Floor stone installation will begin in the facility next week.



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Workers in the north Orientation Theater install one of eight steel panels that will roll across the projection screen to allow the facility to be used for speaking engagements or other activities. The steel face of the panels will be hidden behind a cherry wood veneer.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 3/06/06 through 3/10/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect masonry block work and metal stud walls, place concrete, install finish stone, and apply plaster to interior spaces.
- Stone masons will continue to set base and wall stone in the CVC entrance zone.
- Workers have erected scaffolding in the Great Hall near the entrance to the Exhibition Hall and have completed framework for the vaulted ceiling in this zone. Scaffolding now occupies more than half of the Great Hall space.
- Inside the East Front, crews continue to prepare the zone for stone installation, which has begun at the lower level of the transition zone at the base of the escalator bank on the north side.
- A stone crew will continue installing granite blocks on the south exterior wall of the Congressional Auditorium. Concrete crews are working adjacent to the masons in this zone to prepare the area for the first of 85 new trees that will be planted this March. The trees will be planted first on the north side where foundation work is nearly complete.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall. Primer painting is nearly complete on the middle level of the House space and metal framework is nearly complete for the Senate Recording Studio on the upper level of the Senate expansion space. In mid-March, a stone crew may begin installation of stone in a stairwell atrium on the House side.
- Foundation work continues as part of the effort to construct a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to House expansion space. Two of three footings below the Capitol's east face have been removed.



A worker installs ceiling framing around a skylight near the south Orientation Theater. Upon leaving the theater, visitors will have an unprecedented view of the Capitol Dome, which, from that location, towers to height of 305 feet to the top of the statue of Freedom.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- First Street NE/SE will be closed temporarily this Saturday, March 11, between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM, to allow utility work to be completed near the intersection of East Capitol Street.
- The utility connections to steam and chilled water lines are complete at Second Street and continue at First Street. Concrete placements have been completed and final installation of pre-cast sections at First and Second Streets will occur once all piping elements have been delivered inside the tunnel, expected by early this March.
- Street restoration activities, beginning with the placement of a 10-inch concrete slab over the tunnel will begin following the ongoing backfill work at Second Street.
- Crews continue to weld pipes, and install ventilation ductwork and piping insulation on all of the utility lines.

Next Week – 3/13/06 – 3/17/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and middle levels of the facility.
- Installation of base stone and wall stone may continue inside the East Front transition zone pending the review of sandstone from a new quarry.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork in the House and Senate Expansion Space.
- Foundation work will continue on the north side of the Congressional Auditorium for a stepped walkway and large planter boxes for Tulip Poplar trees.
- Installation and welding of pipe will continue inside the new utility tunnel along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Related utility tie-in work and backfilling activities will continue at First and Second Streets.
- Work on a 10-inch concrete slab will continue near Second Street as part of the effort to open the street to traffic later this spring.



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Workers assemble a steel frame that will support a raised glass floor in the CVC Exhibition Hall. The glass will be illuminated from below and produce a gentle glow around two marble walls that will house historic documents related to key moments in our nation's legislative history.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 3/13/06 through 3/17/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect masonry block work and metal stud walls, place concrete, install finish stone, and apply plaster to interior spaces.
- On the upper level, just east of the Great Hall, stone masons will continue to setting wall stone in the CVC entrance lobby. Within the next two weeks, wall stone should be completed in this zone and masons will then move to the opposite side of the Great Hall into the East Front transition area.
- Workers will continue to erect scaffolding in the Great Hall and have begun framing the Hall's barrel-vaulted ceiling.
- Workers have assembled the steel framework for a raised glass floor in the Exhibition Hall (see photo above). Floor stone work is expected to begin in the Exhibit Hall next week.
- Inside the East Front, crews continue layout of the base stone while masonry block crews complete work in the Carriageway. Within two weeks, approximately six mason teams are expected to begin setting stone in the East Front transition zone, beginning at the lower level eventually working up two levels to the Rotunda level of the Capitol. A mock-up wall using stone from a new quarry has been approved for this zone.
- Concrete crews are working on the foundation for the stepped walkways leading to the CVC entrances from First Street NE/SE. Next week, crews will install a new irrigation system and prepare the tree planter beds within the foundation work in preparation of new trees that will be planted in early April. The trees will be planted first on the north side where foundation work is nearly complete. Similar work on the south side of the Congressional Auditorium will follow by two weeks and a total of 34 new trees are expected to be planted before the end of April.

- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall. Masons have begun layout out for base stone in the stairwell atrium on the House side. This atrium will be illuminated by one of the four smaller skylights on the East Front Plaza. On the House side, ceiling grid installation will begin on the upper two levels during the next two weeks and wall framing on the service level is expected to be complete by the end of March. On the Senate side, framework for the new Senate Recording Studio on the upper level is nearly 90 percent complete and drywall installation has begun in this area.
- Foundation work continues as part of the effort to construct a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to House expansion space. Underpinning work is complete and the last of three footings is being demolished.



Masons are nearing completion of stone installation in the upper level east lobby that looks over the Great Hall. Several mason teams will then move to the other side of the Great hall to work in the East Front transition zone between the CVC and the Capitol Building.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- First Street NE/SE was reopened to traffic late Saturday, March 11, following a temporary closure for utility work.
- Backfill operations continue at Second Street and will continue moving west toward First Street where closure of the tunnel at this location is expected in early April. Street restoration activities, beginning with the placement of a 10-inch concrete slab over the tunnel will begin following the ongoing backfill work at Second Street.
- Crews continue to weld pipes, and install ventilation ductwork and piping insulation inside the tunnel.

Next Week – 3/20/06 – 3/24/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and middle levels of the facility.
- Installation of base stone is expected to begin inside the East Front transition zone.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stonework is expected to begin in the stairwell atrium on the House side.



- Landscape crews will install an irrigation system and new topsoil in concrete planter beds on the north side of the Congressional Auditorium. The beds will receive new trees in early April and will line a stepped walkway.
- Installation and welding of pipe will continue inside the new utility tunnel along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Related utility tie-in work and backfilling activities will continue at First and Second Streets.
- Work on a 10-inch concrete slab will continue near Second Street as part of the effort to restore East Capitol Street.

Workers remove formwork from around a concrete foundation that runs along the north wall of the Congressional Auditorium. In early April, this zone will receive the first of 85 new trees to be planted within the East Capitol Grounds as part of the goal to revive the original historic landscape.



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With much of the wall stone installation complete in the Great Hall, Orientation Theaters, Exhibition Hall, Food Service Area and the CVC Entrance Lobby, work on ceilings continues to increase with the assembly of framework, installation of drywall and plaster, and priming of walls for finish paint.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 3/20/06 through 3/24/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- On the upper level, stone masons are nearly complete with setting wall stone in the CVC security entrance lobby. Later this week and next, masons are expected to move from this area to the East Front transition area where blockwork is being completed in the south side of the Carriageway.
- Workers will continue to erect scaffolding in the Great Hall and will continue framing the Hall's barrel-vaulted ceiling.
- Workers are expected to complete the assembly of a steel framework for a raised glass floor in the Exhibition Hall. Floor stone work is expected to begin in the Exhibit Hall at the end of this week.
- Concrete crews have completed the foundation for the stepped walkway leading to the CVC entrance from First Street NE. This week, crews will install a new irrigation system and place soil in the tree planter beds in preparation of new trees that will be planted in early April. Similar work on the south side of the Congressional Auditorium will follow by two weeks with a total of 32 new trees expected to be planted before the end of this April.
- Two large oval bronze fountains designed by Frederick Law Olmsted in the 1870s are expected to return to the site by mid-week. Crews will set the fountains within the elliptical stone framework already restored on the central plaza.
- The first portion of a retaining "seatwall" at the northeast corner of the House egg (grassy oval) has been approved and work will move out from this wall in both directions. Work on the North seatwall will begin upon completion of the south wall. Meanwhile, masons continue to lay granite pavers on the plaza and have begun setting the stones in a herring-bone pattern adjacent to the bronze rails already in place along the south edge of the Senate egg.

- Throughout the CVC portion of the project area, crews continue to install ceiling framework, drywall and plaster.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall. Masons have begun setting base stone in the stairwell atrium on the House side. This atrium will be illuminated by one of the four smaller skylights on the East Front Plaza.
- Wall “close-in” inspection work continues to be the dominant activity on the upper and lower level of the Senate Expansion Space and will begin soon in the Service Level of the House Expansion Space.
- Underpinning work is complete for the foundation of a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to House expansion space. The last of three footings has been demolished.



On the East Front Plaza, masons have begun setting granite pavers in a herringbone pattern along the curving walkway that lines the Senate egg. The steel framework for one of two new elevators can be seen in the background. Eventually, red and gray granite stone will ornament the elevator tower.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Backfill operations continue at Second Street and will continue moving west toward First Street where closure of the tunnel at this location is expected next week. Street restoration activities, beginning with the placement of a 10-inch concrete slab over the tunnel, will begin following the ongoing backfill work at Second Street.
- Crews continue to weld pipes, and install ventilation ductwork and piping insulation inside the tunnel.

Next Week – 3/27/06 – 3/31/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and middle levels of the facility.
- Installation of base stone is expected to continue inside the East Front transition zone.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stonework will continue in the stairwell atrium on the House side.
- Crews will place the concrete slabs for a stepped walkway leading to the CVC entrance (on the north side of the Congressional Auditorium) pending the completion this week of a new irrigation system for 18 Tulip Poplar trees to be planted along this path beginning the second week of April. Similar work on the south walkway will follow by two weeks.
- Installation and welding of pipe will continue inside the new utility tunnel along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Related utility tie-in work and backfilling activities will continue at First and Second Streets.
- Work on a 10-inch concrete slab is expected to begin near Second St. as part of the effort to restore East Capitol St.

For additional information about the Capitol Visitor Center project, please contact Tom Fontana, Project Communications Officer At (202) 228-1310, or by e-mail at tfontana@aoc.gov. Other project information is available on the CVC web site at www.aoc.gov.



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On the north side of the CVC entrance zone, crews place fresh soil in planter beds that will soon be the home to 36 new Tulip Poplar trees. The 18-to-27-foot-high trees will line two walkways sloping down from First Street along both sides of the East Capitol Street Extension and will frame a grand view of the Capitol intended by the 1874 landscape plan by the renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 3/27/06 through 3/31/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Masons will continue setting 900-lb. blocks of stone around the interior perimeter of the skylight at the south end of the Great Hall. Installation of the skylight will follow upon completion of this stone work.
- Stone masons have nearly completed setting wall stone in the CVC entrance zone just east end of the Great Hall.
- Masons have begun stone layout in the East Front transition area and blockwork is now complete in this zone.
- Workers have completed scaffold assembly in the Great Hall and will continue framing the Hall's barrel-vaulted ceiling.
- Workers are welding the steel framework for a raised glass floor in the Exhibition Hall. Floor stone installation is expected to begin in the Exhibit Hall this week.
- Crews have completed the concrete foundation work for a stepped walkway leading to the CVC entrance from First Street NE. Pre-cast concrete slabs for the walkway are expected to arrive this week. A total of 32 new trees are expected to be planted along both the north and south walkways (16 on each side) by mid-spring.
- Masons will continue to lay granite pavers on the plaza and will continue setting the stones in a herring-bone pattern along the north and south edges of the East Capitol Street Extension.
- Throughout the CVC portion of the project area, crews continue to install ceiling framework, drywall and plaster.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall. Masons will continue setting base stone in the stairwell atrium on the House side. This atrium will be illuminated by one of the four smaller skylights on the East Front Plaza.
- Wall "close-in" inspection work continues on the upper and lower level of the Senate Expansion Space and may begin later this week in the Service Level of the House Expansion Space.



On a platform elevated 25 feet above the floor, workers continue assembling the metal framework for one of three barrel-vaulted ceiling alcoves in the Great Hall. Eventually, large light fixtures will hang below the ceiling and bounce light off a white plaster ceiling finish.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- All pre-cast concrete tunnel sections are now in place at First Street and the tunnel is completely closed except for air shaft openings.
- Most of the tunnel has been backfilled and the first 50-foot section of a 10-inch-thick concrete slab has been placed above the east end of the tunnel zone near Second Street. Additional concrete placements are expected later this week and concrete crews will continue moving west toward First Street over the next several weeks.
- Crews continue to weld pipes, and install ventilation ductwork and piping insulation inside the tunnel.
- Electricians are now connecting wiring for fan units, lighting and fire and life-safety systems inside the tunnel.

Next Week – 4/03/06 – 4/07/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and middle levels of the facility.
- Installation of base stone is expected to continue inside the East Front transition zone.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stone installation will continue in the stairwell atrium on the House side and layout may begin in the Senate stairwell atrium.
- Crews are expected to complete final preparatory work along the north wall of the Congressional Auditorium for the arrival of Tulip Poplar trees to be planted there in mid-April. Similar work on the south walkway will follow by two weeks.
- Concrete placements will continue along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets to restore the road bed.
- Installation and welding of pipe will continue inside the new utility tunnel. Waterproofing activities will continue on the pre-cast concrete sections at First Street in preparation of final backfilling work in this zone.

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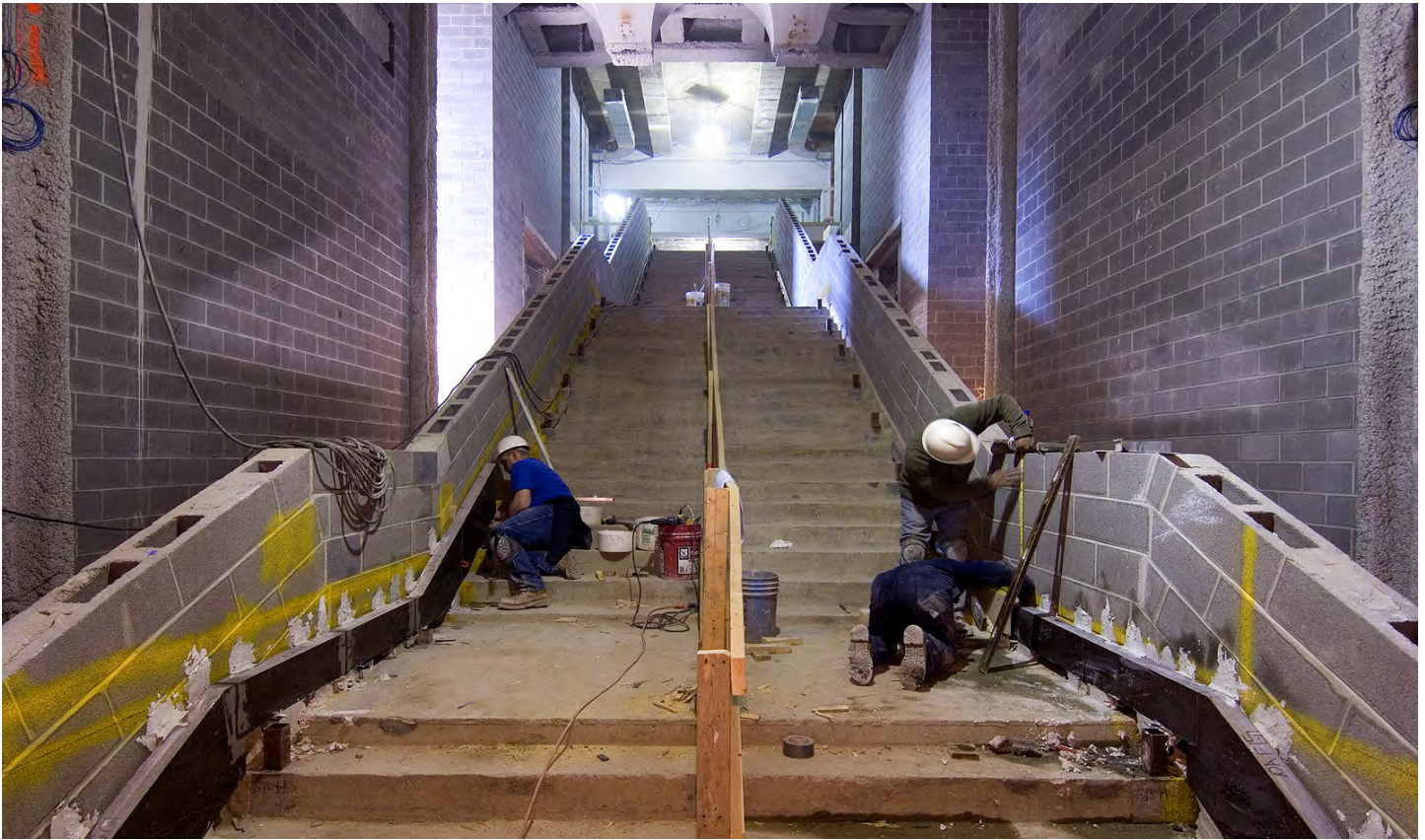


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Masons have begun setting Tennessee Marble base stone along the main staircase connecting the CVC to the Capitol.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/03/06 through 4/07/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Masons will continue setting 900-lb. blocks of stone around the interior perimeter of the skylight at the south end of the Great Hall. Installation of the skylight is expected to begin in May upon completion of this stone work.
- Stone masons have nearly completed setting wall stone in the CVC entrance zone.
- Masons are now setting base stone within the lower level of the East Front within the CVC/Capitol transition zone.
- Workers are expected to complete the framework for the last of the Great Hall's three barrel-vaulted ceiling alcoves.
- Workers continue welding the steel framework for a raised glass floor in the Exhibition Hall. Floor stone installation will continue and one course of stone has reached the center of the Hall from the south end.
- Crews have completed the concrete foundation work for a stepped walkway leading to the CVC entrance from First Street NE. Pre-cast concrete slabs are in place and the zone is ready to receive the 16 Tulip Poplar trees next Monday, April 10. A total of 32 new trees are expected to be planted along both the north and south walkways (16 on each side) by early May.
- Masons will continue to lay granite pavers on the plaza and will also continue setting red asphaltic stones in a herring-bone pattern along the north edge of the East Capitol Street Extension. The south edge has been completed.
- Throughout the CVC portion of the project area, crews continue to install ceiling framework, drywall and plaster.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall. Masons will continue setting base stone in the stairwell atrium on the House side. This atrium will be illuminated by one of the four smaller skylights on the East Front Plaza.
- Wall "close-in" inspection work continues on the upper and lower level of the Senate Expansion Space and has begun in the Service Level of the House Expansion Space.

- Foundation underpinning and demolition work is complete for the House Connector Tunnel and a “mud” slab of concrete will be placed this week followed by a slab on grade and other build-up activities.

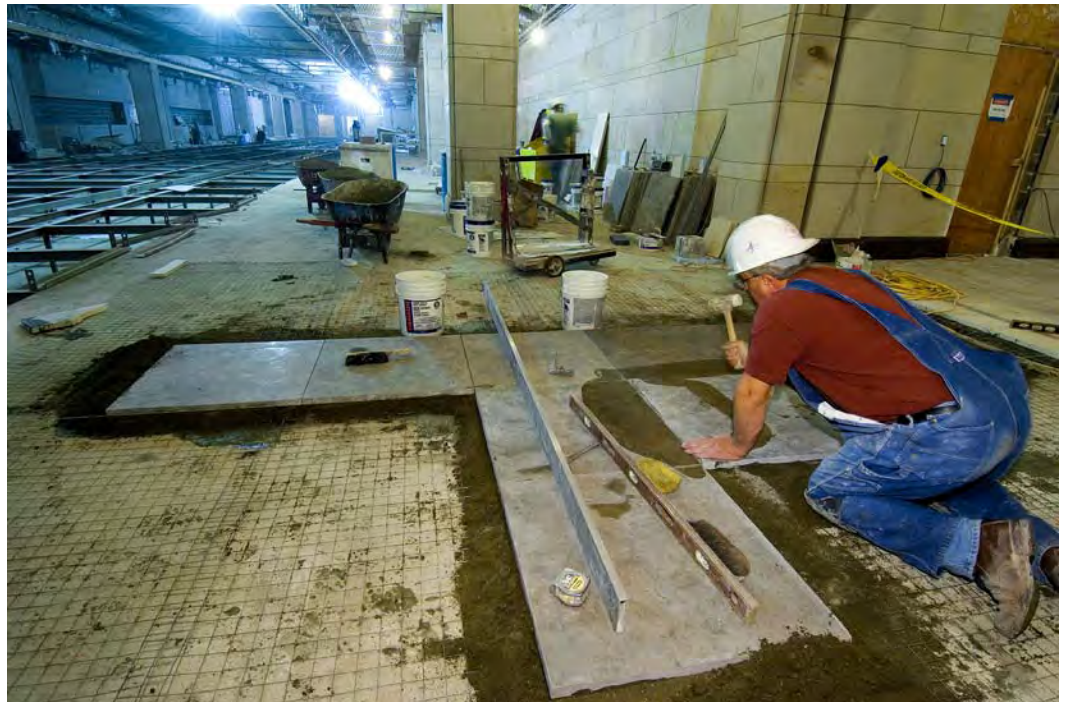
East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- All pre-cast concrete tunnel sections are now in place at First Street and the tunnel is completely closed except for air shaft openings.
- Most of the tunnel has been backfilled and 200 feet of a 10-inch-thick concrete slab has been placed above the east end of the tunnel zone near Second Street. Additional concrete placements are expected later this week and concrete crews will continue moving west toward First Street over the next several weeks. Work is still on track to allow East Capitol to open to traffic next month.
- Crews continue to install piping insulation inside the tunnel.

Next Week – 4/10/06 – 4/14/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Landscape crews are expected to begin planting the first of 16 Tulip Poplar trees along the north wall of the Congressional Auditorium. Similar work along the south walkway will follow by two weeks.
- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and middle levels of the facility.
- Installation of base stone is expected to continue inside the East Front transition zone.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stone installation will continue in the stairwell atrium on the House side and layout may begin in the Senate stairwell atrium.
- Concrete placements will continue along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets to restore the road bed.
- Installation and welding of pipe is expected to resume inside the new utility tunnel. Waterproofing activities will continue on the pre-cast concrete sections at First Street in preparation of final backfilling work in this zone.
- A waterproofing membrane will be applied to the East Front Center Steps in preparation for the re-installation of the original granite step slabs to begin in early May.
- Demolition of a beam inside the East Front at the Rotunda level will occur during the evenings beginning late in the week and should be completed before the recess.



Masons have begun setting floor stone at the south end of the CVC Exhibition Hall.



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On April 10, 2006, landscape crews began to plant the first of 36 Tulip Poplar trees that will line walkways leading to the CVC entrances.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/10/06 through 4/14/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Masons will continue setting 900-lb. blocks of stone around the interior perimeter of the skylight at the south end of the Great Hall. Installation of the skylight is expected to begin in May upon completion of this stone work.
- Stone masons have nearly completed setting wall stone in the CVC entrance zone.
- Masons continue setting base stone within the lower level of the East Front within the CVC/Capitol transition zone.
- Workers continue ceiling work for the Great Hall's three barrel-vaulted ceiling alcoves.
- Floor stone installation continues in the CVC Exhibition Hall.
- Landscape crews have begun planting the first of 36 Tulip Poplar trees along both the north and south stepped walkways leading to the CVC entrances from First Street NE/SE (see photo above).
- Masons will continue to lay granite pavers on the plaza and will also continue setting red asphaltic stones in a herringbone pattern along the north edge of the East Capitol Street Extension. The south edge has been completed.
- Throughout the CVC portion of the project area, crews continue to install ceiling framework, drywall and plaster.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall. Masons will continue setting base stone in the House stairwell atrium.
- Wall "close-in" inspection work continues on the upper and lower level of the Senate Expansion Space and in the Service Level of the House Expansion Space.



Architect of the Capitol, Alan Hantman (right) points out some CVC ceiling details to Speaker of the House, Dennis Hastert , during a recent site walk.

- Demolition of a beam inside the East Front at the Rotunda level will occur during the evenings beginning late in the week and should be completed before the recess.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Concrete placements to restore the road bed along East Capitol Street will continue this week and concrete crews will continue moving west toward First Street over the next several weeks.
- Electricians, insulators and pipe welders continue working throughout the length of the tunnel in preparation of water line “flushing” tests, which may begin early next week.

Next Week – 4/17/06 – 4/21/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Landscape crews will prepare the soil beds along the exterior south wall of the Congressional Auditorium for 16 Tulip Poplar trees scheduled to be planted there beginning April 24, 2006.
- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and middle levels of the facility.
- Installation of base stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stone installation will continue in the stairwell atrium on the House side and layout may begin in the Senate stairwell atrium.
- Concrete placements will continue along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets to restore the road bed.
- Workers will continue installing pipe insulation inside the Utility Tunnel while electricians continue wiring work for all of the fire and life-safety systems, lighting, and other electrical elements.
- A new waterproofing membrane on the East Front Center Steps will be tested prior to the re-installation of the original granite step slabs, which is expected to begin in early May.

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Framework is nearly complete in the House and Senate Expansion Spaces, which comprise approximately 170,000 square feet of building space.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/17/06 through 4/21/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Masons will continue setting 900-lb. blocks of stone around the interior perimeter of the skylight at the south end of the Great Hall. Installation of the skylight is expected to begin in early May upon completion of this stone work.
- Stone masons have completed major wall stone installation in the Great Hall. Ceiling inspections are ongoing and pending their completion, expected early next week, drywall installation will begin on the framework of the Great Hall's three barrel-vaulted ceiling alcoves.
- Masons continue setting base stone and wall stone in the two lower levels and the Carriageway within the East Front transition zone (see photo above).
- Masons continue setting floor stone along the east half of the CVC Exhibition Hall. This week, crews may begin erecting scaffolding above the floor framework in the center zone of the Exhibition Hall. This will allow ceiling work to begin before the installation of floor stone is complete.
- Masons have completed setting granite pavers near the screening facility just north of the Senate Steps. The adjacent walkway and steps will be available to pedestrians later this week. Also on the Senate Plaza, landscape crews are expected to place new soil and sod within the Senate Triangle near the North Security Gate Entrance.

- Landscape crews have completed planting 16 Tulip Poplar trees along the north stepped walkway leading to the CVC entrance from First Street NE. Crews are now completing final preparations to the planter beds along the south walkway for the arrival of the 16 Tulip Poplar trees to be planted within that zone beginning next week.
- Masons have completed the major portion of granite paver installation (200,000 pieces) on the CVC roof deck. In May, crews will begin setting asphalt pavers in a more decorative pattern around the historic lanterns and fountains.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall. Masons will continue setting stone in the House stairwell atrium.
- Wall “close-in” inspection work continues on the upper and lower level of the Senate Expansion Space and in the Service Level of the House Expansion Space.
- Demolition of a beam inside the East Front at the Rotunda level will occur during evening hours only and is expected to begin Monday, April 17, and be completed by the end of the week.



A mason (far right) completes a section of floor tile in the CVC Food Service Area.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Concrete placements to restore the road bed along East Capitol Street will continue this week and concrete crews will continue moving west toward First Street over the next several weeks. A 10-inch concrete slab will be over nearly 75 percent of East Capitol Street, between First and Second Streets, by the end of the week.
- Insulators continue working throughout the length of the tunnel in preparation of water line “flushing” tests, which may begin this Wednesday, April 19.

Next Week – 4/24/06 – 4/28/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Landscape crews are expected to begin planting 16 Tulip Poplar trees along the south wall of the Congressional Auditorium within a stepped walkway leading to the CVC Entrance.
- Drywall installation may begin on the ceiling framework in the Great Hall.
- Floor stone installation will continue along the east side of the Exhibition Hall.
- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and middle levels of the facility.
- Installation of wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stone installation will continue in the stairwell atrium on the House side and layout may begin in the Senate stairwell atrium.
- Concrete placements will continue along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets to restore the road bed. Testing of the utility lines with water will continue. Workers will continue installing pipe insulation inside the Utility Tunnel.
- Testing of a new waterproofing membrane on the East Front Center Steps may continue in preparation for the re-installation of the original granite step slabs, which is expected to begin in early May.

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The latest aerial view of the Capitol Visitor Center taken April 12, 2006, shows most of the 200,000 paving stones in place across the East Front Plaza. Also visible are the completed tree beds along the north side of the East Capitol Street Extension (center foreground). The south side tree beds are now complete and 14 Tulip Poplar trees will be planted there this week. More than 50 additional trees will be planted in other areas within the East Capitol Grounds later this fall. Installation of the two large skylights (center of photo) above the Great Hall will begin this May.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/24/06 through 4/28/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Masons have completed setting 900-lb. blocks of stone around the interior perimeter of the skylight at the south end of the Great Hall. Installation of the south skylight is expected to begin in early May. Masons have now begun preparing for installation of the sandstone blocks around the north skylight perimeter.
- Stone masons have completed major wall stone installation in the Great Hall. Ceiling inspections are ongoing and pending their completion in early May, drywall installation will begin on the framework of the Great Hall's three barrel-vaulted ceilings.
- Masons continue setting base stone and wall stone in the two lower levels and the Carriageway within the East Front transition zone.
- Masons continue setting floor stone along the east half of the CVC Exhibition Hall and have begun layout and base stone work on the west half of the Hall. This week, crews will continue assembling the scaffolding above the floor framework in the center zone of the Exhibition Hall. Only a small rolling scaffold will be needed to install the ceiling work above the floor stone areas.
- Masons have set granite pavers near the screening facility just north of the Senate Steps sufficient to open the sidewalk and adjacent steps to pedestrians. Also on the Senate Plaza, landscape crews have installed a new irrigation system and placed sod within the Senate Triangle near the North Gate Entrance.

- Landscape crews have completed planting 14 Tulip Poplar trees along the north stepped walkway leading to the CVC entrance from First Street NE and are now planting trees along the south entrance walkway.
- Masons have completed the major portion of granite paver installation (200,000 pieces) on the CVC roof deck. In May, crews will begin setting asphalt pavers in a more decorative pattern around the historic lanterns and fountains.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall. Masons will continue setting stone in the House stairwell atrium and stone layout work has begun in the north atrium.
- All of the framing is complete on the upper level of the Senate Expansion Space. Wall “close-in” inspection work continues on the upper and lower level of the Senate Expansion Space and in the Service Level of the House Expansion Space.
- Demolition of a beam inside the East Front at the Rotunda level will continue this week during evening hours only and is expected to be completed by Friday, April 28.

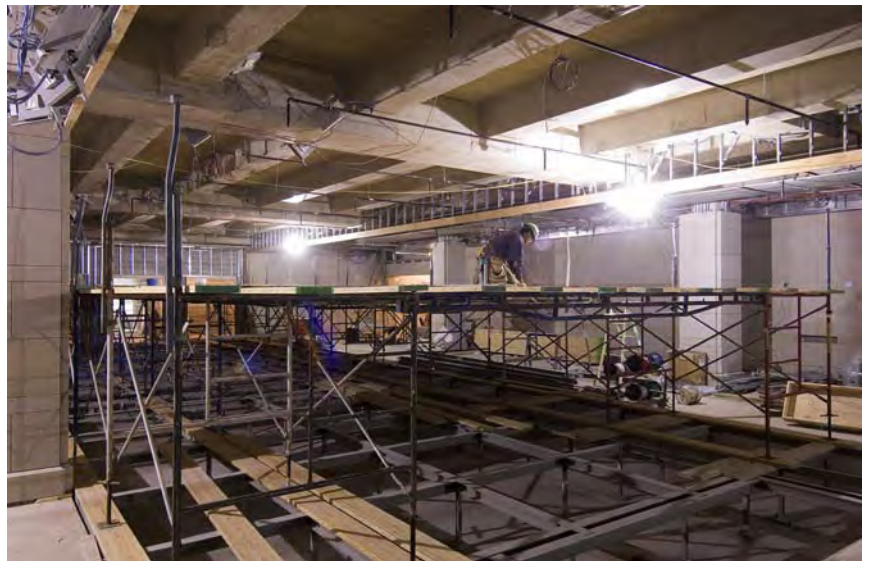
East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- A 10-inch concrete slab is complete along East Capitol Street over the CVC utility tunnel. Crews may begin removal of a temporary bridge over First Street to begin preparing that zone for a concrete slab. Traffic lanes will shift slightly to the west and east accordingly over the next few weeks to accommodate the work. It is expected that new asphalt will be placed on top of the concrete later in May and the street will open to traffic soon thereafter, pending the completion of the street striping plan.
- Insulators and electricians continue working throughout the length of the tunnel and water lines are now being filled to prepare for hydrostatic testing, which will test the pipe seals at all of the connection points.

Next Week – 5/1/06 – 5/5/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Landscape crews are expected to complete the tree planting activities scheduled thus far along the north and south walls of the Congressional Auditorium.
- Drywall installation is expected to begin on the ceiling framework in the Great Hall.
- Floor stone installation will continue along the east and west sides of the Exhibition Hall. Ceiling framework may begin along the center zone of the Exhibition Hall where scaffolding has been erected (photo at right).
- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and lower levels of the facility.
- Installation of wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stone installation will continue in the stairwell atrium on the House side and layout may begin in the Senate stairwell atrium. Wall and ceiling close-in inspections continue in several areas.
- Backfilling and other road restoration work will continue on First Street SE/NE to repair East Capitol Street. Traffic lanes may be shifted slightly to accommodate the work in this zone. Testing of the utility lines with water will continue.



A CVC worker secures a portion of a platform to a scaffold in the Exhibition Hall. The platform will allow ceiling work to begin while masons set floor stone in adjacent areas.



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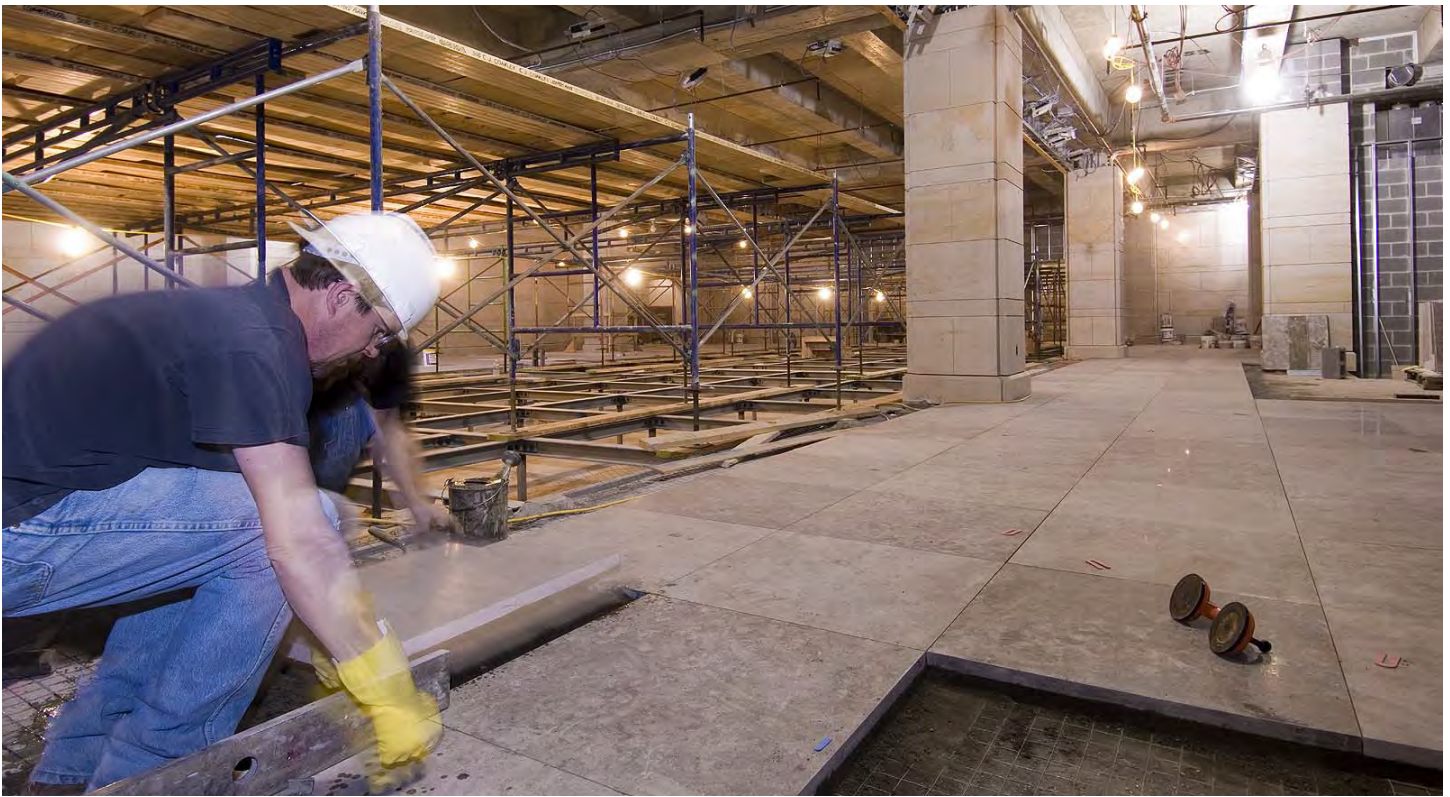


Tulip Poplar trees now line the north and south sides of the Congressional Auditorium and already frame views of the Capitol Dome.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 5/1/06 through 5/5/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Masons have completed setting 900-lb. blocks of stone around the interior perimeter of the skylight at the south end of the Great Hall. Installation of the south skylight is expected to begin this week. Masons are now setting sandstone blocks around the north skylight perimeter.
- Ceiling inspections are complete in the Great Hall and drywall installation is expected to begin this week.
- Masons continue setting base stone and wall stone in the two lower levels and the Carriageway within the East Front transition zone.
- Masons continue setting floor stones on both the east and west sides of the Exhibition Hall. Crews will complete assembling the scaffolding above the floor framework in the center zone of the Exhibition Hall. Drywall installation is expected to begin this week.
- Landscape crews have completed planting 14 Tulip Poplar trees along the north and south stepped walkways leading to the CVC entrance from First Street NE (see photo above).
- Masons have completed the major portion of granite paver installation on the CVC roof deck.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, the majority of framework is complete on all three levels in both spaces. Wall and ceiling “close-in” inspections for all of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety systems are ongoing.
- Contractors are now priming and painting many areas within the expansion spaces.
- Demolition of a beam inside the East Front at the Rotunda level is complete clearing the way for framework to begin in this area.
- The installation of wall stone is essentially complete in the CVC’s Great Hall, Orientation Theaters, Exhibit Hall, Food Service Areas, Visitor Entrance Lobby and Theater Lobby. The CVC includes nearly 52,000 pieces of wall stone.



A mason sets floor stone along the west side of the CVC Exhibition Hall. Drywall installation on the ceiling will begin in the next two weeks.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- A 10-inch concrete slab is complete along East Capitol Street and at the intersection of First Street over the CVC utility tunnel. Crews have completed removal of a temporary bridge over First Street. It is expected that new asphalt will be placed on top of the concrete later in May and the street will open to traffic soon thereafter, pending the completion of the street striping plan.
- Insulators and electricians continue working throughout the length of the tunnel and water lines are now being filled to prepare for “flushing” of lines and follow-on testing.

Next Week – 5/8/06 – 5/12/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Drywall installation will continue on the ceiling framework in the Great Hall.
- Floor stone installation will continue along the east and west sides of the Exhibition Hall. Drywall installation may begin along the center zone of the Exhibition Hall where scaffolding has been erected.
- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and lower levels of the facility.
- Installation of wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stone installation will continue in the stairwell atrium on the House side and layout will continue in the Senate stairwell atrium. Wall and ceiling close-in inspections continue throughout both expansion spaces.
- Street restoration activities will continue to prepare East Capitol Street for paving, expected later in May. Crews will continue setting bricks along both the north and south curb lines.



A worker waters new grass on the Senate Plaza.

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Large photo: Masons set capstones along the perimeter of the south skylight above the Great Hall. Inset: From the upper level of the Capitol Visitor Center, a view of the Capitol is framed by the south skylight opening above the Great Hall. Skylight installation begins this week.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 5/8/06 through 5/12/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- A skylight installation contractor has completed preparatory work for the south skylight above the Great Hall. Installation of structural elements is expected to begin this week. Outside, masons are installing capstones around the perimeter of the south skylight. Masons also continue setting sandstone blocks around the north skylight perimeter.
- Drywall installation has begun on the ceiling vaults in the Great Hall.
- Masons continue setting base stone and wall stone in the two lower levels and the Carriageway within the East Front transition zone.
- Masons continue setting floor stones on both the east and west sides of the Exhibition Hall. Crews have completed assembling the scaffolding above the floor framework in the center zone of the Exhibition Hall. Drywall installation is expected to begin shortly following ceiling inspections this week.
- Masons will begin setting granite blocks on both walls flanking the steps on the north side of the CVC entrance zone, then continue south completing the facades of the CVC entrance zone, and finish with the walls of the south steps.

- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, the majority of framework is complete on all three levels in both spaces. Wall and ceiling “close-in” inspections for all of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety systems are ongoing.
- The installation of wall stone is essentially complete in the CVC’s Great Hall, Orientation Theaters, Exhibit Hall, Food Service Areas, Visitor Entrance Lobby and Theater Lobby. The CVC includes nearly 52,000 pieces of wall stone.
- Final demolition and foundation work for the House Connector Tunnel is expected to be completed this week clearing the way for waterproofing to begin.
- Three of four fire shutter doors have been installed in the East Front transition zone.



Workers assemble a portion of the escalators on the south side of the Great Hall.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- A 10-inch concrete slab is complete along East Capitol Street and at the intersection of First Street over the CVC utility tunnel. Masons are setting bricks along the curbs of East Capitol Street and paving activity may begin next week, weather permitting. It is expected that East Capitol Street will be available to traffic before the end of the May.
- Insulators and electricians continue working throughout the length of the tunnel and chilled water lines are now being filled to prepare for “flushing” of lines and follow-on testing.

Next Week – 5/15/06 – 5/19/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Drywall installation will continue on the ceiling framework in the Great Hall.
- Floor stone installation will continue along the east and west sides of the Exhibition Hall. Drywall installation may begin along the center zone of the Exhibition Hall where scaffolding has been erected.
- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and lower levels of the facility.
- Installation of wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone.
- Masons will begin setting stone along the walls of two new emergency egress stairwells near the face of the Capitol.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stone installation will continue in the stairwell atrium on the Senate side. Wall and ceiling close-in inspections continue throughout both expansion spaces.
- Street restoration activities will continue to prepare East Capitol Street for paving, which may begin this week. A paint crew may be able to complete the striping plan for the street late in the week.



Drywall installation has begun on the ceiling in the Great Hall. A plaster finish will be applied later.

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On a platform nearly 30 feet above ground, workers apply a coat of plaster to one of three barrel-vaulted ceilings in the CVC's Great Hall.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 5/15/06 through 5/19/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- A skylight installation contractor has completed preparatory work for the south skylight above the Great Hall. Installation of structural elements is expected to begin this week. Masons continue setting sandstone blocks around the north skylight perimeter and have completed two of four sides.
- Drywall installation is nearly complete on the three ceiling vaults in the Great Hall. A “skim” coat of plaster has already been applied on two of the three vaults.
- Masons continue setting base stone and wall stone in the two lower levels and the Carriageway within the East Front transition zone. Three of four fire partitions are in place at the Crypt level in the East Front clearing the way for stonework to continue on that level.
- Masons are expected to resume setting floor stones on both the east and west sides of the Exhibition Hall. Drywall installation is expected to begin shortly following ceiling inspections this week.
- Masons will begin setting granite blocks on both walls flanking the steps on the north side of the CVC entrance zone, then continue south completing the facades of the CVC entrance zone, and finish with the walls of the south steps.
- Crews are placing cast-in-place concrete around the new trees that line the pedestrian walkways that slope down to the CVC entrances.
- Two steel support beams for film projection systems have been installed in the Orientation Theaters.

- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, the majority of framework and drywall installation is complete on all three levels in both spaces. Wall and ceiling “close-in” inspections for all of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety systems are ongoing.
- Masons are setting stone on all three levels of the north stairwell atrium in the Senate Expansion Space.
- Workers continue to assemble mechanical elements and finishes to escalators and elevators near the Great Hall.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Preparatory street restoration work is complete on East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Milling of the existing asphalt on the north side of the street is scheduled for this Wednesday, weather permitting, and paving of the entire street is scheduled to occur on Friday. A paint crew will apply the street striping plan early next week.
- Insulators and electricians continue working throughout the length of the tunnel and chilled water lines are now being filled to prepare for “flushing” of lines and follow-on testing.

Next Week – 5/22/06 – 5/26/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Application of a plaster finish will continue on the barrel-vaulted ceiling of the Great Hall.
- Floor stone installation is expected to continue along the east and west sides of the Exhibition Hall. Dry-wall installation may begin along the center zone of the Exhibition Hall where scaffolding has been erected.
- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and lower levels of the facility.
- Installation of base and wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone.
- Masons will continue setting stone along the walls of an emergency egress stairwell near the face of the Capitol.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stone installation will continue in the stairwell atrium on the Senate side. Wall and ceiling close-in inspections continue throughout both expansion spaces.
- If paving occurs as scheduled, a paint crew is expected to complete the striping plan for the street early in the week. If all of the ancillary street elements, including signs and traffic signals are in place, it is expected that East Capitol Street can be opened to traffic early this June.



Workers assemble the framework at the top of a new elevator on the CVC roof deck.



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Above the Great Hall, a skylight installation crew has nearly completed the assembly of the glass panel support system for the south skylight.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 5/22/06 through 5/26/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- A skylight installation contractor continues installation of the south skylight above the Great Hall. Masons have completed setting sandstone blocks around the north skylight perimeter clearing the way for installation of the north skylight to begin immediately following completion of the south skylight.
- Drywall installation and plaster work is complete on two of the three ceiling vaults above the Great Hall. Painters are now applying the base coat of paint.
- Masons continue setting base stone and wall stone in the two lower levels (basement and Crypt levels) of the East Front transition zone. Three of four fire partitions are in place at the Crypt level.
- Masons have resumed setting floor stones in the north half of the Exhibition Hall. Ceiling drywall installation is expected to begin this week.
- Crews are placing concrete around the new trees that line the pedestrian walkways that slope down to the CVC entrances.
- All mechanical systems and ductwork are in place in the Orientation Theater ceilings and inspections have been completed. Installation of drywall and acoustic ceiling panels may begin later this week.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, the majority of framework and drywall installation is complete on all three levels in both spaces. Wall and ceiling “close-in” inspections for all of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety systems are ongoing.
- Masons are setting stone on all three levels of the House and Senate stairwell atria.

- Workers continue to assemble mechanical elements and finishes to escalators and elevators near the Great Hall. A freight elevator--one of 23 elevators in the CVC--is now operational.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Preparatory street restoration work is complete on East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Milling of the existing asphalt on the north side of the street is complete. This week, the DC Department of Transportation is expected to begin work to restore the operation of a traffic light at First Street. The street will be paved immediately following the completion of this work.
- Insulators and electricians continue working throughout the length of the tunnel.



A worker assembles a portion of the ceiling framework above the Exhibition Hall.

Next Week – 5/29/06 – 6/02/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Painters will apply a second coat of paint to the barrel-vaulted ceiling of the Great Hall. Crews may begin to dismantle the scaffold late in the week.
- Floor stone installation will continue in the north half of the Exhibition Hall. Ceiling drywall installation is expected to continue along the center zone of the Exhibition Hall.
- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and lower levels of the facility.
- Installation of base and wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone.
- Masons will continue setting stone along the walls of an emergency egress stairwell near the face of the Capitol.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stone installation will continue in the stairwell atria.

Wall and ceiling close-in inspections continue throughout both expansion spaces.

- A contractor of the DC Department of Transportation will continue efforts to restore the electrical conduit for the traffic signal at First Street. Street paving and striping will be completed once the traffic signal is fully operational.
- A CVC landscape architect consultant is expected to inspect a paving mock-up of a decorative paving pattern to be used around the historic Olmsted-designed lanterns, fountains and seatwalls on the East Front Plaza.



A worker applies the first coat of paint to a plaster ceiling above the Great Hall.

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Nearly 35 feet above the Great Hall floor, a skylight installation crew has begun installing the glass panels for the south skylight.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 6/05/06 through 6/09/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- A skylight installation contractor continues installation of the south skylight above the Great Hall. Both the north and south skylights should be in place by mid-July.
- Drywall installation and plaster work is complete in the three ceiling vaults above the Great Hall and the work has been inspected and approved. Following the installation of acoustic panels in the ceiling soffits during the next two weeks, the scaffolding in the Great Hall will be dismantled and floor stone installation will begin.
- Masons continue setting base stone and wall stone in the two lower levels (basement and Crypt levels) of the East Front transition zone.
- Masons continue setting floor stone in the north half of the Exhibition Hall.
- Crews are completing the concrete work around the new trees along the pedestrian walkways leading to the CVC entrances.
- All mechanical systems and ductwork are in place in the Orientation Theater ceilings and inspections have been completed. Installation of millwork is expected to begin next week.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, the majority of framework and drywall installation is complete on all three levels in both spaces. Wall and ceiling “close-in” inspections for all of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety systems are ongoing.
- Masons are setting stone on all three levels of the House and Senate stairwell atria.
- Workers continue to assemble mechanical elements and finishes to escalators and elevators near the Great Hall.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Preparatory street restoration work is complete on East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Milling of the existing asphalt on the north side of the street is also complete. This week, the DC Department of Transportation is expected to repair conduit and complete work to restore the operation of a traffic light at First Street. The street will be paved immediately following the completion of this work, expected at the end of this week.
- Insulators and electricians continue working inside the tunnel. Final connection work between the CVC tunnel and the existing utility tunnel below 2nd Street will begin pending completion of an asbestos abatement effort in the 2nd Street Tunnel.

Next Week – 6/12/06 – 6/16/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Skylight installation will continue above the Great Hall. Pending the completion of ceiling panel installation in the Great Hall soffits, crews may begin dismantling the scaffolding throughout the Great Hall, clearing the way for floor stone.
- Floor stone installation will continue in the north half of the Exhibition Hall. Ceiling drywall installation is expected to continue along the center zone of the Exhibition Hall.
- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and lower levels of the facility.
- Installation of base and wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone at the upper level of the CVC and at the Crypt level inside the East Front of the Capitol.
- Masons will continue setting stone along the walls of an emergency egress stairwell near the face of the Capitol.



Painters complete the final touches on the soffits between the barrel-shaped ceiling vaults above the Great Hall. Crews are expected to begin dismantling the scaffolding in the Great Hall late next week, clearing the way for stone masons to begin installing 20,000 square feet of floor stone.



A CVC crew prepares a concrete foundation for the historic seat wall around the large grassy oval on the south side of the Plaza.

- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stone installation will continue in the stairwell atria. Wall and ceiling close-in inspections continue throughout both expansion spaces.
- A contractor of the DC Department of Transportation will continue efforts to restore the electrical conduit for the traffic signal at First Street. Street paving and striping will be completed once the traffic signal is fully operational.
- A CVC landscape architect consultant is expected to inspect a paving mock-up of a decorative paving pattern to be used around the historic Olmsted-designed lanterns, fountains and seatwalls on the East Front Plaza.

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This aerial of the Capitol Visitor Center on the east side of the Capitol was taken Thursday, June 8, 2006. Installation of two large skylights above the Great Hall is visible in the center of the photo. In the foreground can be seen 32 Tulip Poplar trees which now line entrance paths to the CVC along the East Capitol Street extension. At the top of the photo can be seen the East Front center steps, which had been removed earlier this spring to allow crews to waterproof the concrete slabs below. The original granite step blocks have now been returned to their original locations. Approximately 200,000 eight-inch-square granite paving stones now cover much of the plaza, and most of the historic elements have been reinstalled.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 6/12/06 through 6/16/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- A skylight installation contractor continues installation of the two large skylights above the Great Hall. Both the north and south skylights should be in place by mid-July.
- Drywall installation and plaster work is complete in the three ceiling vaults above the Great Hall and the work has been inspected and approved. Following the installation of acoustic panels in the ceiling soffits this week, the scaffolding in the Great Hall will be dismantled and floor stone installation will begin.
- Masons continue setting base stone, wall stone, and stair stone in the two lower levels (basement and Crypt levels) of the East Front transition zone.
- Masons continue setting floor stone in the north half of the Exhibition Hall.
- Crews have completed the concrete work around the new trees along the pedestrian walkways leading to the CVC entrances.
- All mechanical systems and ductwork are in place in the Orientation Theater ceilings and inspections have been completed. Installation of millwork is expected to begin in the south theater by the end of this week.

- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, the majority of framework and drywall installation is complete on all three levels in both spaces. Wall and ceiling “close-in” inspections for all of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety systems are ongoing.
- Masons continue setting stone on all three levels of the House and Senate stairwell atria.
- Workers continue to assemble mechanical elements and finishes to escalators and elevators near the Great Hall.
- Ceiling drywall installation has begun in the Food Service Area.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Preparatory street restoration work is complete on East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. The street has been paved and the final striping plan will be painted on Tuesday, June 13, weather permitting.
- Insulators and electricians continue working inside the tunnel. Final connection work between the CVC tunnel and the existing utility tunnel below 2nd Street will begin pending completion of preparatory work in the existing 2nd Street Tunnel.

Next Week – 6/19/06 – 6/23/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Skylight installation will continue above the Great Hall. Pending the completion of ceiling panel installation in the Great Hall soffits, crews are expected to continue dismantling the scaffolding throughout the Great Hall.
- Floor stone installation will continue in the north half of the Exhibition Hall and is expected to begin in the Great Hall. Ceiling drywall installation is expected to continue along the center zone of the Exhibition Hall.
- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and lower levels of the facility.
- Installation of base and wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone at the upper level of the CVC and at the Crypt level inside the East Front of the Capitol. Abatement of lead paint on the original sandstone façade will move from the Crypt level to the Rotunda level.
- Masons will continue setting stone along the walls of an emergency egress stairwell near the face of the Capitol.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stone installation will continue in the stairwell atria. Wall and ceiling close-in inspections continue throughout both expansion spaces.
- East Capitol Street is expected to be open to vehicular and pedestrian traffic.



A CVC worker seals the joint between two of the glass panels of a skylight above the Great Hall.

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Workers install a grill to a soffit in the ceiling of the Great Hall. Ceiling work has now been completed and crews have begun removing the scaffolding. By early next week, stone masons will be able to begin layout work in the Great Hall for the installation of 20,000 square feet of floor stone.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 6/19/06 through 6/23/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- A skylight installation contractor continues installation of the two large skylights above the Great Hall. Both the north and south skylights should be in place by mid-July.
- Drywall installation and plaster work is complete in the three ceiling vaults above the Great Hall and the work has been inspected and approved. Scaffolding in the Great Hall is now being dismantled and should be cleared by the end of the week. Floor stone layout in the Great Hall will begin next week.
- Masons continue setting base stone, wall stone, and stair stone in the two lower levels (basement and Crypt levels) of the East Front transition zone. Abatement of lead paint on the original sandstone façade is complete on the Crypt level.
- In the Exhibition Hall, masons continue setting floor stone in the north half. Ceiling drywall installation has begun.
- Crews continue setting curb stones along the trees-lined pedestrian walkways leading to the CVC entrances.
- All mechanical systems and ductwork are in place in the Orientation Theater ceilings and inspections have been completed. Installation of millwork is expected to begin in the south theater this week.
- Ceiling drywall installation continues in the Food Services Area. Wall and floor tile work is substantially complete.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, the majority of framework and drywall installation is complete on all three levels in both spaces. Wall and ceiling “close-in” inspections for all of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety systems are ongoing.
- Masons continue setting stone on all three levels of the House and Senate stairwell atria.
- Workers continue to assemble mechanical elements and finishes to escalators and elevators near the Great Hall.

- Wall stone installation continues primarily in the north stairwell atrium in the Senate Expansion Space, in the Congressional Auditorium entrance atrium and in the East Front of the Capitol.
- Waterproofing of the concrete foundation for the East Capitol center steps was completed and the granite steps have been re-installed.
- All of the sprinkler piping for the CVC has been installed.
- The Senate Triangle northeast of the Senate Steps has been landscaped with grass and dozens of new shrubs (see photo below).



Above: Painters stripe the traffic pattern on East Capitol Street. Inset: A day later, on June 14, 2006, the street was open to vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- East Capitol Street was opened to vehicular and pedestrian traffic last Wednesday, June 14, following 16 months of construction activity (see photos above right).
- Insulators and electricians continue working inside the tunnel. Final connection work between the CVC tunnel and the existing utility tunnel below 2nd Street may begin next week pending completion of abatement work this week in the existing 2nd Street Tunnel.

Next Week – 6/26/06 – 6/30/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Skylight installation will continue above the Great Hall. Crews are expected to have completed removal of the scaffolding in the Hall clearing the way for stone masons to begin layout of floor stone in the space.
- Floor stone installation will continue in the north half of the Exhibition Hall. Ceiling drywall installation is expected to continue along the center zone of the Exhibition Hall.
- Installation of base and wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone at the upper level of the CVC and at the Crypt level inside the East Front of the Capitol.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stone installation will continue in the House and Senate stairwell atria. Wall and ceiling close-in inspections continue throughout both expansion spaces.
- Crews are expected to resume tie-in work for the CVC utility tunnel at its connection to the existing tunnel below Second Street.
- Installation of the original bronze fountains may occur this week.
- Stone masons are expected to resume installation of exterior CVC stone as the masons complete perimeter security stone work in June.



Late last week, a landscape crew planted dozens of new shrubs around the Senate Triangle just north and east of the Senate Steps. The plantings are part of the effort to restore the East Capitol Grounds to their pre-CVC construction condition. Of course, many aspects of the grounds will change in an effort to revitalize the pedestrian-friendly historic landscape, most of which had been covered by asphalt in the 20th century.

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Above the Great Hall, skylight installation is nearing completion. Meanwhile, all of the scaffolding in the Great Hall has been removed clearing the way for masons to begin layout of nearly 20,000 square feet of floor stone. The floor of the Hall will receive a more decorative pattern than other areas.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 6/26/06 through 6/30/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- A skylight installation contractor continues installation of the two large skylights above the Great Hall. Both the north and south skylights should be in place by mid-July.
- Drywall installation and plaster work is complete in the three ceiling vaults above the Great Hall and the work has been inspected and approved. Scaffolding in the Great Hall has been removed clearing the way for floor stone layout to begin. Next week, a mock-up of a decorative floor stone pattern may be complete in the center of the Hall.
- Masons continue setting base stone, wall stone, and stair stone in the Crypt level of the East Front transition zone. Abatement of lead paint on the original sandstone façade is complete on the Crypt level and a crew is expected to begin similar work at the Rotunda level next week. Much of the original sandstone will be left exposed in the final design.
- In the Exhibition Hall, 75% of the stone work is complete and masons are now working in the northwest quadrant. Ceiling drywall installation continues.
- Millwork for the CVC Orientation Theaters is expected to arrive this week and installation of is expected to begin in the South Orientation Theater next week.
- Crews continue setting curb stones along the trees-lined pedestrian walkways leading to the CVC entrances.

- Ceiling drywall installation continues in the Food Services seating and servery area. Wall and floor tile work is substantially complete in the food preparation area, and white ceramic tile is now being installed in the servery area.
- Installation of the original bronze fountains was completed.
- Masons continue setting stone on all three levels of the House and Senate stairwell atria.
- Workers continue to assemble mechanical elements and finishes to escalators and elevators near the Great Hall.
- Wall stone installation continues primarily in the north stairwell atrium in the Senate Expansion Space, in the Congressional Auditorium entrance atrium and in the East Front of the Capitol.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, the majority of framework and drywall installation is complete on all three levels in both spaces. Wall and ceiling “close-in” inspections for all of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety systems are ongoing. The ceiling grid is now being installed throughout the upper level of the Senate Expansion Space and in all but two rooms on the upper level of the House Expansion Space.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Insulators and electricians continue working inside the tunnel. Final connection work between the CVC tunnel and the existing utility tunnel below 2nd Street may begin next week pending completion of abatement work this week in the existing 2nd Street Tunnel.

Next Week – 7/3/06 – 7/7/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Skylight installation will continue above the Great Hall. Masons are expected to complete a mock-up of the floor stone.
- Floor stone installation will near completion in the northwest quadrant of the Exhibition Hall. Ceiling drywall installation is expected to continue along the center zone of the Exhibition Hall.
- Installation of base and wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone at the upper level of the CVC and at the Crypt level inside the East Front of the Capitol.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stone installation will continue in the House and Senate stairwell atria. Wall and ceiling close-in inspections continue throughout both expansion spaces.
- Crews are expected to resume tie-in work for the CVC utility tunnel at its connection to the existing tunnel below Second Street.
- Stone masons are expected to resume installation of exterior CVC stone as the masons complete perimeter security stone work in June.



Last week, the historic Olmsted bronze fountain basins were installed on the East Front Plaza.

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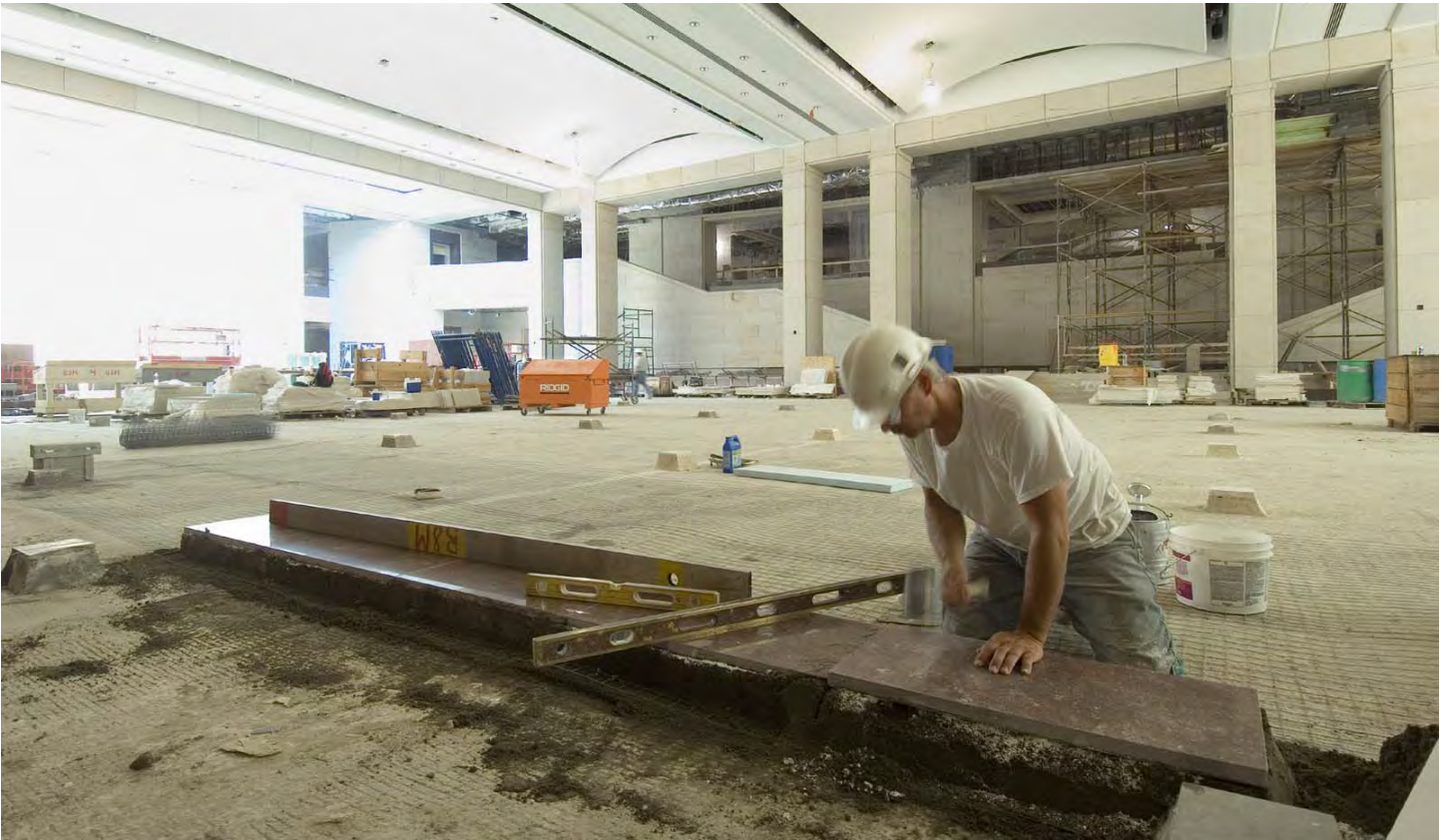


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Late last week, a stone mason set the first floor stone in the Great Hall. A mock-up of a decorative “basketweave” floor stone pattern is expected to be completed early next week. Pending its approval, several mason teams will then work out from the center panel to all four corners of the Great Hall.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 7/10/06 through 7/14/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Crews have completed the removal of the scaffolding in the Great Hall and masons have completed the layout for the Hall’s 20,000 square feet of floor stone. Mason teams have begun setting the stone in the center of the Hall in a decorative basketweave pattern, which will serve as a mockup for the rest of the Hall. Pending the approval of the mockup expected next week, masons will work out from the center to all four corners of the Great Hall.
- A skylight installation contractor continues installation of the north skylight above the Great Hall.
- Masons continue setting base stone, wall stone, and stair stone in the basement and Crypt level of the East Front transition zone. Abatement of lead paint on the original sandstone façade is complete on the Crypt level and a crew has begun abatement work at the Rotunda now that a temporary elevator access corridor has been removed.
- In the Exhibition Hall, masons are now working to complete the last remaining floor stone in the northwest quadrant. Crews are nearly complete installing the ceiling insulation and plaster work is expected to begin early next week.
- Millwork for the CVC Orientation Theaters is expected to arrive this week and installation is expected to begin in the South Orientation Theater next week. Meanwhile, workers are installing the steel brackets for handrails.
- Crews continue setting curb stones along the trees-lined pedestrian walkways leading to the CVC entrances and are nearly complete setting the low stone retaining wall around the south skylight above the Great Hall.
- Ceiling drywall installation continues in the Food Service area. Wall and floor tile work is substantially complete in the food preparation area, and white ceramic tile is nearly complete along the back wall of the servery area.
- Masons continue setting stone on all three levels of the House and Senate stairwell atria.

- Workers continue to assemble mechanical elements and finishes to escalators and elevators near the Great Hall.
- Wall stone installation continues primarily in the north stairwell atrium in the Senate Expansion Space, in the Congressional Auditorium entrance atrium and in the East Front of the Capitol.
- Masons have resumed setting asphaltic pavers in a decorative paving pattern around the north historic fountain.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, the majority of framework and drywall installation is complete on all three levels in both spaces. Wall and ceiling “close-in” inspections for all of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety systems are ongoing. The ceiling grid is now being installed throughout the upper level of the Senate Expansion Space and is complete in all but two rooms on the upper level of the House Expansion Space.



Workers install insulation board to the ceiling of the CVC Exhibition Hall. This work will be completed this week and plaster work is expected to begin early next week.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Crews are now completing final preparatory work to shore up the existing tunnel below Second Street. Once the shoring is complete, CVC crews will install the necessary insulation to the new utility lines where they connect to the old lines in the Second Street tunnel. CVC Utility Tunnel operation is expected to begin in August.

Next Week – 7/17/06 – 7/21/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- The first CVC millwork installation is expected to begin in the South Orientation Theater.
- Installation of the north skylight will continue above the Great Hall. Masons are expected to complete a mock-up of the floor stone and, pending its approval, continue outward from the center panel.
- Floor stone installation will near completion in the northwest quadrant of the Exhibition Hall. Ceiling plaster work is expected to begin along the center zone of the Exhibition Hall.
- Installation of base and wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone at the upper level of the CVC and at the Crypt level inside the East Front of the Capitol. Abatement work will continue at the Rotunda level.
- Crews are expected to resume insulation work for the CVC utility tunnel.
- Stone masons will continue installation of asphaltic pavers in a decorative pattern around historic features on the East Front Plaza.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stone installation will continue in the House and Senate stairwell atria. Wall and ceiling close-in inspections continue throughout both expansion spaces.

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CVC workers position a steel beam arch in the East Front Extension of the Capitol. The beam is part of the steel framework that will span two escalators and the main staircase that connect the CVC to the Capitol. The framework will support blocks of sandstone that will cover much of the ceiling.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 7/17/06 through 7/21/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Mason teams continue setting the floor stone in the center of the Great Hall in a decorative basketweave pattern. A mock-up was approved Monday, July 17, providing the clearance for masons to work out to all four corners of the Great Hall.
- A skylight installation contractor continues installation of the north skylight above the Great Hall.
- Steel workers have begun installing the steel beams and arches that will support a barrel vaulted ceiling rising up through the East Front transition zone. Meanwhile, masons continue setting base stone, wall stone, and stair stone in the basement and Crypt level. Abatement of lead paint on the original sandstone façade is complete on the Crypt level and a crew has begun abatement work at the Rotunda level on the north side of the East Front.
- In the Exhibition Hall, masons have completed the floor stone in the northwest quadrant and will begin setting stone on the steps of the virtual House and Senate Theaters, the only remaining stonework in the Exhibition Hall. Crews have completed installing the ceiling insulation. The ceiling plaster work is ongoing.
- Millwork for the CVC Orientation Theaters arrived last week and the millwork contractor has begun installing wood ceiling trim in the South Orientation Theater. Millwork will occur in both theaters through the month of August.
- Crews continue setting curb stones along the trees-lined pedestrian walkways leading to the CVC entrances and are nearly complete setting the low stone seatwall around the south skylight above the Great Hall.
- Ceiling drywall installation continues in the Food Service area. Wall and floor tile work is substantially complete in the food preparation area, and white ceramic tile is complete along the back wall of the servery area. In two weeks, crews are expected to begin installing acoustic fabric panels to the ceiling soffits above the seating area.

- Masons continue setting stone on all three levels of the House and Senate stairwell atria.
- Masons continue setting pavers in a decorative pattern around the north historic fountain.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, the majority of framework and drywall installation is complete on all three levels in both spaces. Wall and ceiling “close-in” inspections for all of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety systems are ongoing. The ceiling grid continues being installed throughout the upper level of the Senate Expansion Space and is complete in all but two rooms on the upper level of the House Expansion Space.



Masons set a block of Tennessee Marble in the center of the Great Hall. A mockup of the stonework has been approved by the project architect and masons are now working out to all four corners of the Great Hall, an area that encompasses 20,000 square feet, nearly three times the floor space of the Capitol's Rotunda.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- CVC crews continue installing the necessary insulation to the new utility lines where they connect to the old lines in the Second Street tunnel. CVC Utility Tunnel operation is expected to begin in August.

Next Week – 7/24/06 – 7/28/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Installation of millwork will continue in the South Orientation Theater.
- Installation of the north skylight will continue above the Great Hall.
- Floor stone installation will continue in the Great Hall.
- Masons will install stone to the steps that lead to the virtual House and Senate Theaters inside the Exhibit Hall.
- Installation of base and wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone at the upper level of the CVC and at the Crypt level inside the East Front of the Capitol. Abatement work will continue at the Rotunda level.
- Installation of a steel framework will continue in the East Front.
- Crews are expected to complete insulation work for the CVC utility tunnel.
- Stone masons will continue installation of asphalt pavers in a decorative pattern around historic features on the East Front Plaza.
- Ceiling work will continue in upper and lower level corridors throughout the CVC, and in the main lobby just east of the Orientation Theaters.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stone installation will continue in the House and Senate stairwell atria. Wall and ceiling close-in inspections continue throughout both expansion spaces.

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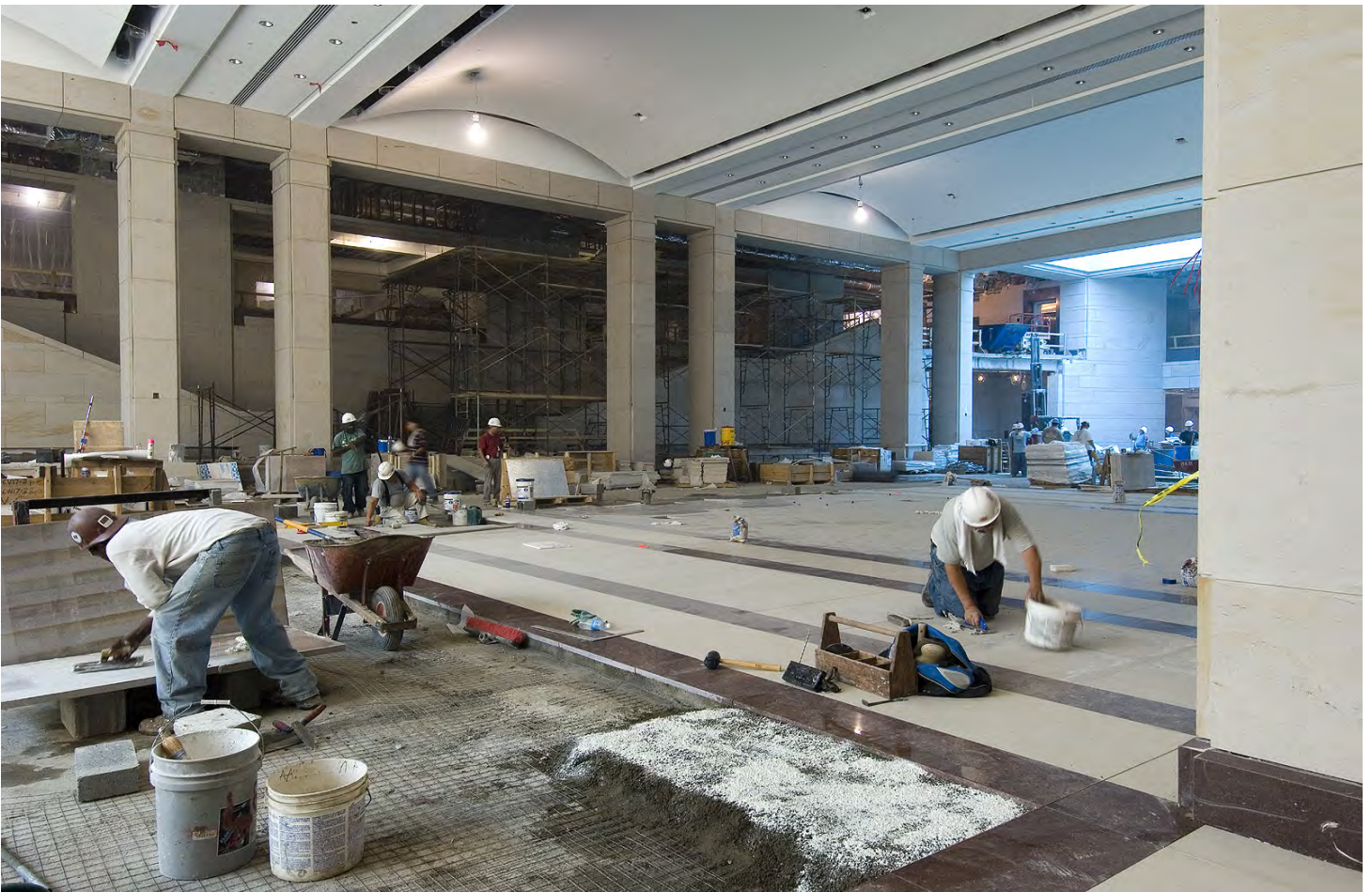


A millworker installs wood finishing trim to a ceiling soffit inside the South Orientation Theater. The trim is the first woodwork in the CVC.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 7/24/06 through 7/28/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- In the Great Hall mason teams continue setting the floor stone in a decorative basketweave pattern. In less than two weeks, masons have set more than 35 percent of the Great Hall's 21,000 square feet of floor stone.
- A skylight installation contractor has completed installation of structure and glazing for the Great Hall skylights.
- Steel workers continue installing the steel beams and arches that will support the barrel vaulted ceiling that rises up through the East Front transition zone. Meanwhile, masons continue setting stone to the stairs, walls and overhead arches in the basement and Crypt level. Stone installation is complete on the basement level. Abatement of lead paint on the original sandstone façade is complete on the Crypt level and along the north side of the Rotunda level.
- In the Exhibition Hall, masons have completed the floor stone in the northwest quadrant and are continuing to set stone on the steps of the virtual House and Senate Theaters, the only remaining stonework in the Exhibition Hall (EH). Crews have completed installing the ceiling insulation and have applied a first coat of black plaster. A second coat will be applied to the ceiling this week and then crews will begin dismantling the scaffold down the center of the EH.
- A millwork contractor has begun installing wood ceiling trim in the South Orientation Theater. This is the first finish woodwork to be installed anywhere in the CVC. Millwork installation will begin in the north theater in early August.
- Crews continue setting curb stones along the trees-lined pedestrian walkways leading to the CVC entrances and are nearly complete setting the low stone seatwall around the south skylight above the Great Hall.
- Stone installation is nearly 100 percent complete in both the House and Senate stairwell atria on all three levels.
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Inside the CVC's Great Hall, stone masons have made good progress during the last two weeks to set approximately 35 percent of the floor stone for this area.

- Ceiling drywall installation continues in the Food Service area. Wall and floor tile work is substantially complete in both the food preparation area and the servery area. By mid-August, crews are expected to begin installing acoustic fabric panels to the ceiling soffits above the seating area and servery areas.
- Masons continue setting pavers in a decorative pattern around the north historic fountain and final blockwork is ongoing inside the bronze basins. The basins will be fully functional misting fountains when the work is completed.
- Masons continue rebuilding the historic seatwalls around the House and Senate "eggs."
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, the majority of framework and drywall installation is complete on all three levels in both spaces. Wall and ceiling "close-in" inspections for all of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety systems are ongoing. The ceiling grid continues being installed throughout the upper level of the Senate Expansion Space and is complete in all but two rooms on the upper level of the House Expansion Space.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- CVC crews continue installing the necessary insulation to the new utility lines where they connect to the old lines in the Second Street tunnel. A utility line valve was opened last week and the first chilled water began to flow into the CVC. An air handling unit for the Exhibit Hall will be the first unit to become operational since climate control is most critical in this area because it will house precious and historic documents. Meanwhile crews continue to install insulation around steam lines, which are critical to the removal of moisture from the air flowing into the CVC.

Next Week – 7/31/06 – 8/04/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Installation of millwork will continue in the South Orientation Theater and may begin in the North Theater.
- Floor stone installation will continue in the Great Hall.
- Masons will continue to install stone to the steps that lead to the virtual House and Senate Theaters in the Exhibit Hall.

- Installation of base and wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone at the Crypt level inside the East Front of the Capitol. Abatement work will continue at the Rotunda level along the south side of the East Front.
- Installation of a steel framework will continue in the East Front while masons continue setting stone to the structure.
- Crews are expected to complete insulation work to the steam lines in the CVC utility tunnel.
- Stone masons will continue installation of asphalt pavers in a decorative pattern around the north historic fountain.
- Ceiling work will continue in upper and lower level corridors throughout the CVC, and in the main lobby just east of the Orientation Theaters.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Wall and ceiling close-in inspections continue throughout both expansion spaces.

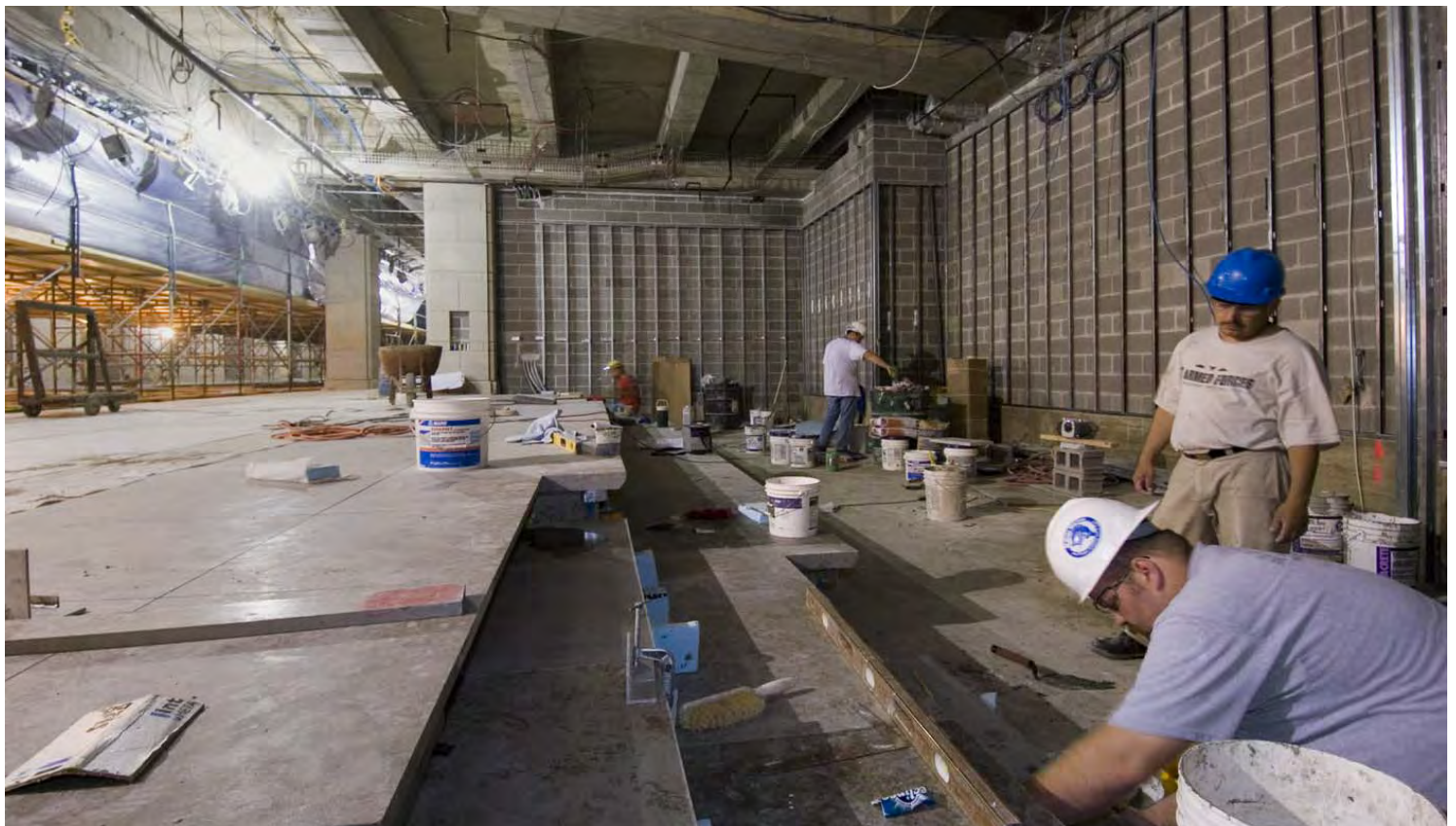
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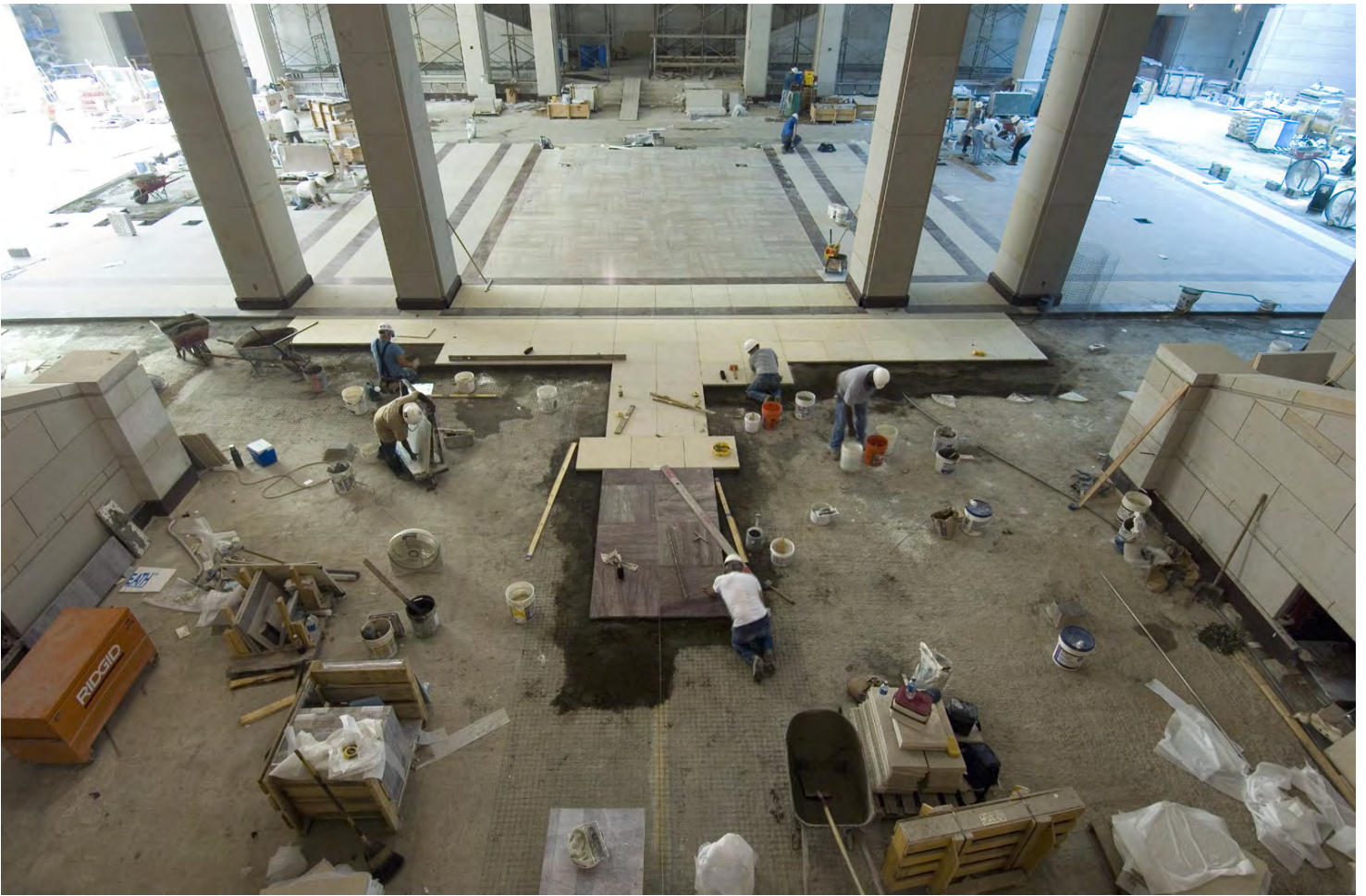
A stone mason sets stone around a new elevator opening.



A mason sets historic stone to the seatwall around the Senate Egg.



Masons set stone to the steps leading into the virtual Senate Theater in the CVC's Exhibition Hall.



Stone masons have now completed nearly 35 percent of the floor stone installation in the CVC's Great Hall.



Above: Workers set masonry blocks to the inside of one of two historic fountains on the CVC plaza. The fountains will create a mist that according to the original designer, Frederick Law Olmsted, would “generate a rainbow that would frame the Capitol Dome.”

Left: A plaster worker completes ceiling work in a CVC corridor. The completion of ceiling work is critical because as ceiling scaffolds are removed, floor stone installation and other finish work can follow.

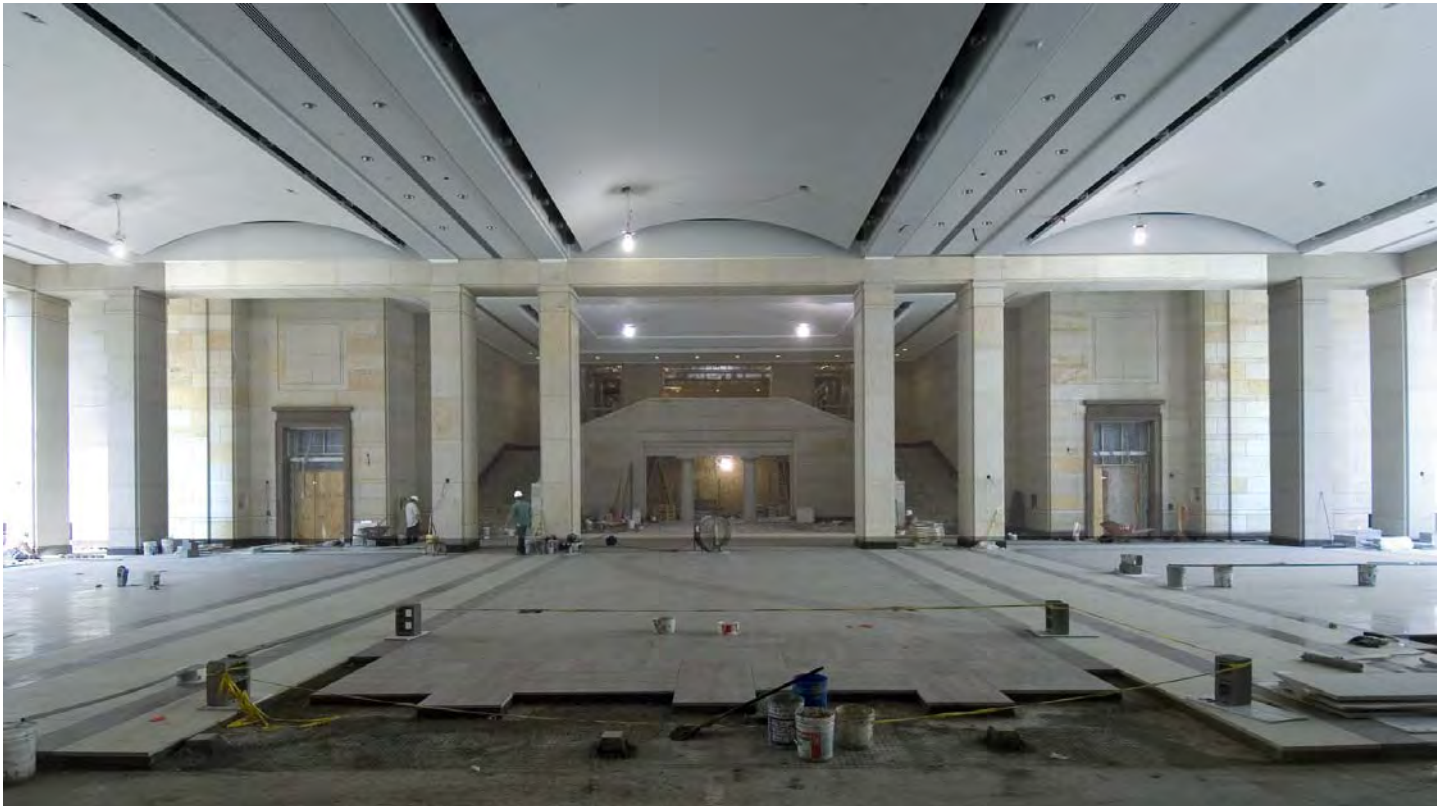


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Masons have now set more than 55 percent of the floor stone in the Great Hall. The Hall's 35-foot-high barrel-vaulted ceiling is in full view.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 7/31/06 through 8/04/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- In the Great Hall mason teams continue setting the floor stone in a decorative basketweave pattern. Masons have now set approximately 55 percent of the Great Hall's 21,000 square feet of floor stone.
- A skylight installation contractor has completed installation of structure and glazing for the Great Hall skylights.
- Steel workers continue installing the steel beams and arches that will support the barrel vaulted ceiling that rises up through the East Front transition zone. Meanwhile, masons continue setting stone to the stairs, walls and overhead arches in the basement and Crypt level. Stone installation is complete on the basement level. Abatement of lead paint on the original sandstone façade is complete on the Crypt level and continues at the Rotunda level.
- In the Exhibition Hall, masons are continuing to set stone on the steps of the virtual House and Senate Theaters, the only remaining stonework in the Exhibition Hall. Crews have completed installing the ceiling insulation and plaster. Temporary dehumidification efforts are being made to condition the Exhibit Hall so that crews can begin installation of acoustic fabric ceiling panels.
- A millwork contractor continues installing wood ceiling trim in the Orientation Theaters. Larger wood ceiling panels for both theaters are expected to arrive early next week.
- Crews continue setting curb stones along the trees-lined pedestrian walkways leading to the CVC entrances and are nearly complete setting the low stone seatwall around the north and south skylights above the Great Hall.
- Stone installation is nearly 100 percent complete in both the House and Senate stairwell atria on all three levels.
- Ceiling drywall installation is complete in the Food Service area to the extent that crews can begin installation of acoustic fabric ceiling panels to the ceiling soffits above the seating area and servery areas as soon as temporary dehumidification of this area is established. This week, crews will complete construction of temporary partitions to contain the air within the Food Service area.

- Masons continue setting pavers in a decorative pattern around the north historic fountain and final blockwork is ongoing inside the bronze basins. The basins will be fully functional misting fountains when the work is completed.
- Masons continue rebuilding the historic seatwalls around the House and Senate “eggs.” A mockup of a decorative paving pattern around the south seatwall has been completed and will be reviewed later this week.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, the majority of framework and drywall installation is complete on all three levels in both spaces. Wall and ceiling “close-in” inspections for all of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety systems are ongoing. The ceiling grid continues being installed throughout the upper level of the Senate Expansion Space and is complete in all but two rooms on the upper level of the House Expansion Space.



A pool of water sits within an 8-foot-wide basin surrounding one of the two large Great Hall skylights to test the waterproofing membrane within the basin. Eventually, a pool of water will slowly revolve around a black granite slab that will rest on the pedestal walls visible in the center of the basin.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- CVC crews have completed installing the necessary insulation to the new utility lines where they connect to the old lines in the Second Street tunnel. A utility line valve was opened last week and the first chilled water began to flow into the CVC. A return valve is expected to open early this week to allow the flow circulation loop to an air handling unit to be complete. The air handling unit for the Exhibit Hall will be the first unit to become operational since climate control is most critical in this area because it will house precious and historic documents.

Next Week – 8/07/06 – 8/11/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Installation of millwork will continue in the North and South Orientation Theaters.
- Floor stone installation will continue in the Great Hall.
- Masons should complete stone installation to the steps that lead to the House and Senate Theaters in the Exhibit Hall.
- Installation of base and wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone at the Crypt level inside the East Front of the Capitol. Abatement work will continue at the Rotunda level along the south side of the East Front.
- Installation of a steel framework will continue in the East Front
- Crews are expected to continue to charge and flush line in the utility tunnel.
- Stone masons will continue installation of asphalt pavers in a decorative pattern around the north historic fountain and may begin installing decorative pavers around the south seatwall.
- Ceiling work will continue in upper and lower level corridors throughout the CVC, and in the main lobby just east of the Orientation Theaters.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Wall and ceiling close-in inspections continue throughout both expansion spaces.

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As sunlight pours in through the skylight above, masons continue setting floor stone in the Great Hall. More than 80 percent of the floor is now complete.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 8/07/06 through 8/11/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Mason teams have now set approximately 80 percent of the floor stone in the Great Hall.
- Masons continue installing sandstone to the barrel vaulted ceiling that rises up through the East Front transition zone. Stone is now complete on three of four arches that span the monumental stair and escalators.
- Masons have nearly completed setting stone in the Crypt level within the East Front transition zone and stone installation is complete on the basement level. Abatement of lead paint on the original sandstone façade is nearly complete on all levels of the East Front clearing the way for installation of the metal framework that will support the stone on the Rotunda and Gallery levels.
- In the Exhibition Hall, masons are nearly complete setting stone on the steps of the virtual House and Senate Theaters, the only remaining stonework in the Exhibition Hall. Crews have completed installing the ceiling insulation and plaster (see photo next page). Temporary dehumidification efforts continue in the Exhibit Hall so that crews can begin installing acoustic fabric ceiling panels.
- A millwork contractor continues installing wood ceiling trim in the Orientation Theaters. Larger wood ceiling panels for both theaters are expected to arrive this week and installation should begin early next week.
- Crews have completed setting curb stones along the trees-lined pedestrian walkways leading to the CVC entrances and are nearly complete setting the stone to the exterior walls of the Congressional Auditorium.
- Stone installation is complete in both the House and Senate stairwell atria on all three levels. Installation of open circular staircases will begin once the scaffolding within the atria is removed. This will occur upon completion of the ceiling plaster and paint work around the skylights above both atria.



Masons set the stepping stones for the Virtual Senate Theater in the CVC's Exhibition Hall.

- Ceiling drywall installation is complete in the Food Service area to the extent that crews can begin installation of acoustic fabric ceiling panels to the ceiling soffits above the seating area and servery areas as soon as temporary dehumidification of this area is established. Crews have completed the necessary construction of temporary partitions to contain the air within the Food Service area.
- Masons continue setting pavers in a decorative pattern around the north historic fountain and final blockwork is ongoing inside the bronze basins. The basins will be fully functional misting fountains when the work is completed. Masons continue rebuilding the historic seatwalls around the House and Senate "eggs." A mockup of a decorative paving pattern around the south seatwall has been completed and will be reviewed later this week.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- Late this week, demolition crews in the LOC tunnel are expected to break through into the cellar of the Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress at the northwest corner. This area will serve as the transition zone between the Jefferson Building and the LOC tunnel coming from the Visitor Center.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- CVC crews have completed installing the necessary insulation to the new utility lines where they connect to the old lines in the Second Street tunnel. Chilled water and steam are now available to the air handling units in the CVC. Over the weeks ahead, units will come on line and will start to provide conditioned air to various zones within the CVC.

Next Week – 8/14/06 – 8/18/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Installation of millwork will continue in the North and South Orientation Theaters.
- Floor stone installation will continue in the Great Hall.
- Masons should complete stone installation to the steps that lead to the House and Senate Theaters in the Exhibit Hall.
- Installation of base, wall and ceiling stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone.
- Ceiling work will continue in upper and lower level corridors throughout the CVC, and in the main lobby just east of the Orientation Theaters.
- The first of 21 air handling units for the CVC is expected to come on line.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. In the House space, crews have begun installation of metal framework to support interior stone in several areas.

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This aerial photo taken August 16, 2006, shows current activities at the Capitol Visitor Center project site located within the East Capitol Grounds. Crews have completed the installation of two large skylights over the Great Hall (center) and masons have nearly completed the installation of historic stone elements, including fountains, lanterns and seatwalls. In the foreground (left) 32 new trees can be seen along the East Capitol Street Extension. More than 50 additional trees will be planted elsewhere within the project site later this fall. Excavation of the CVC site began four years ago, in August 2002, and one year later, in September 2003, the first steel column for the CVC structure was raised into place. Finish elements, including plaster, stone and millwork, are now being installed on all three levels inside the facility.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 8/21/06 through 8/25/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Mason teams have now set approximately 98 percent of the floor stone in the Great Hall.
- Masons have nearly completed setting stone in the Crypt level within the East Front transition zone and stone installation is complete on the basement level. Crews have begun installation of the metal framework that will support the stone on the Rotunda and Gallery levels. Masons have begun to reinstall the marble panels that were removed four years ago from the walls near the Law Library and Memorial Doors.
- In the Exhibition Hall, masons have completed setting stone on the steps of the virtual House and Senate Theaters, the last remaining stonework in the Exhibition Hall. Crews have completed installing the ceiling insulation and plaster and will be applying a final coat of paint to the plaster this week. Once the ceiling work is approved, the scaffold will be dismantled and workers will begin assembling the steel support system for the marble “Wall of Aspirations,” which will approximately 50 historic documents.

- A millwork contractor will continue to install wood ceiling panels inside the North Orientation Theater. Similar work is expected to begin this week in the South Theater. The ceiling work should be completed by mid-September clearing the way for crews to dismantle the scaffolding and install the final acoustic wood panels to the theater walls.
- Crews have completed setting curb stones along the trees-lined pedestrian walkways leading to the CVC entrances and are nearly complete setting the stone to the exterior walls of the Congressional Auditorium.



Masons set floor stone in the lobby area just outside of the CVC's two Orientation Theaters.

- Stone installation is complete in both the House and Senate stairwell atria on all three levels. Installation of open circular staircases will begin once the scaffolding within the atria is removed. This will occur upon completion of the ceiling plaster and paint work around the skylights above both atria.
- Ceiling drywall installation is complete in the Food Service area to the extent that crews can begin installation of acoustic fabric ceiling panels to the ceiling soffits above the seating area and servery areas as soon as the proper room temperature is established. An air handling unit is now moving conditioned air into the space and the required humidity levels should be reached later this week.
- Near the House Steps crews continue to set pavers and place an exposed aggregate concrete to restore the sidewalk at the southeast corner of the Capitol.
- On the Senate Plaza, masons continue to set bricks around the Senate Triangle to restore its historic characteristics.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- Demolition crews in the LOC tunnel have broken through into the cellar of the Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress at the northwest corner. This area will serve as the transition zone between the Jefferson Building and the LOC tunnel coming from the Visitor Center.

Next Week – 8/28/06 – 9/01/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Installation of millwork will continue in the North and South Orientation Theaters.
- Floor stone installation will be completed in the Great Hall.
- In the Exhibition Hall, crews will begin assembling the steel support system for a nearly 200-foot-long marble wall that will house historic documents.
- Installation of base, wall and ceiling stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone. Stone installation will continue in the main lobby just east of the Orientation Theaters.
- Exterior wall stone work will continue at the CVC entrance zone and along the walls of the Congressional Auditorium.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. In the House space, crews have begun installation of metal framework to support interior stone in several areas.

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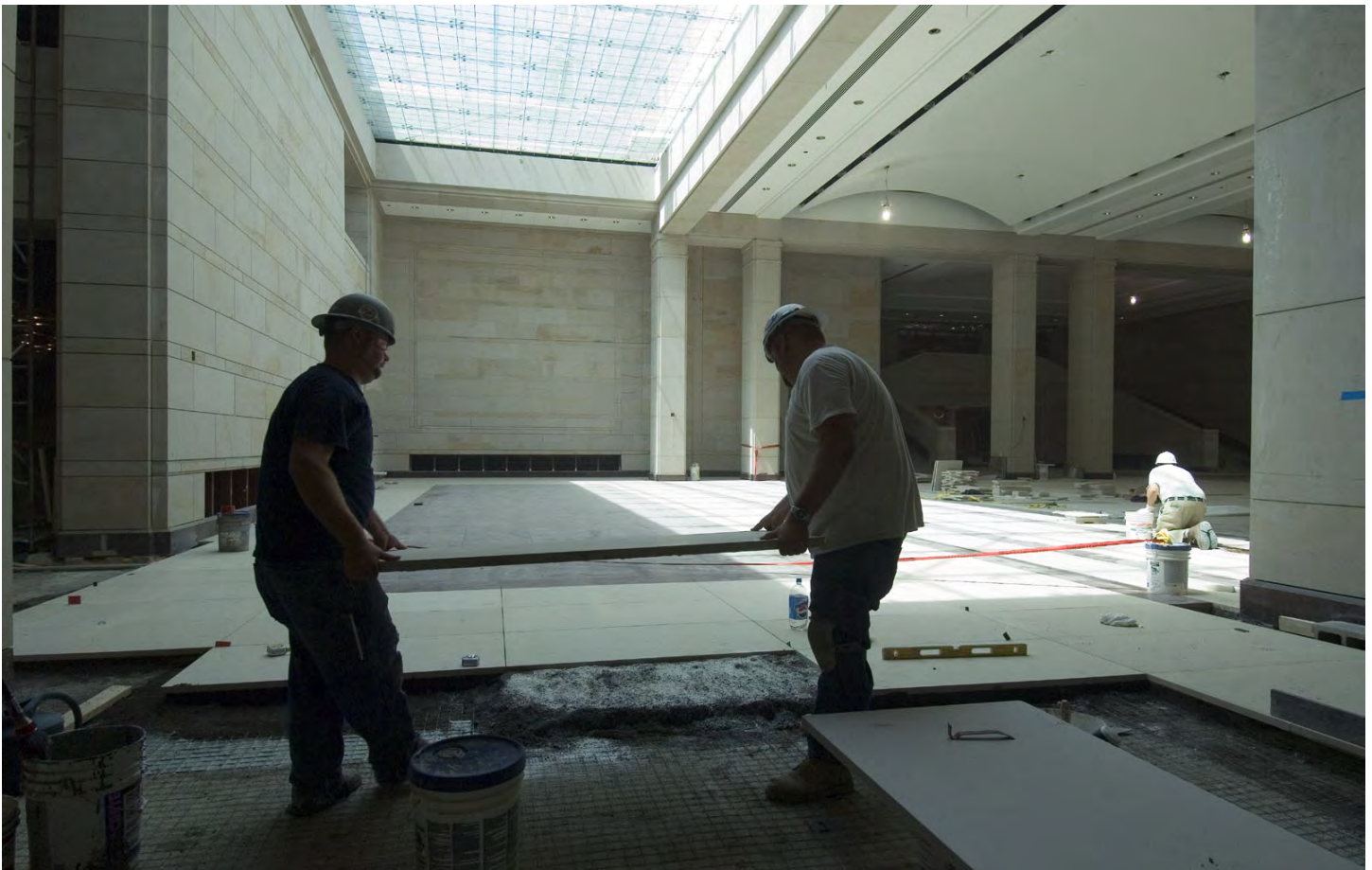


Workers position a wood acoustic ceiling panel to the ceiling grid in the North Orientation Theater.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 9/4/06 through 9/8/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Mason teams have now set all of the floor stone in the Great Hall and are now setting stone in the threshold transitions from the Great Hall leading to the Food Service Area and the adjacent corridors.
- Masons have nearly completed setting stone in the Crypt level within the East Front transition zone and stone installation is complete on the basement level. Crews continue installation of the metal framework that will support the stone on the Rotunda and Gallery levels. Masons will continue to reinstall the original marble panels in the East Front.
- In the Exhibition Hall, masons have completed setting floor and wall stone. A final coat of ceiling paint has been applied and crews have now dismantled the scaffold throughout the space. This week, workers will begin assembling the steel support system for the marble “Wall of Aspirations,” which will house approximately 50 historic documents.
- A millwork contractor will continue to install wood ceiling panels inside the North and South Orientation Theaters (see photo above). The ceiling work should be completed by late-September clearing the way for crews to dismantle the scaffolding and install the final acoustic wood panels to the theater walls.
- Floor stone installation is nearly complete in the upper level lobby just outside the South Orientation Theater.
- Workers have completed installation of bronze railings at the upper level of the atrium near the Congressional Auditorium.



With floor stone complete in the Great Hall, masons are now focusing on completing the stone in adjacent threshold zones and corridors.

- Stone installation is complete in both the House and Senate stairwell atria walls on all three levels. The scaffolding has been removed in both atria clearing the way for construction of a two-story blockwall that will rise along the eastern side of both atria. These blockwalls will be ornamented with stone and provide a backdrop for open circular staircases that connect all three levels within each of the House and Senate expansion spaces.
- Ceiling drywall installation is complete in the Food Service area and crews have begun installing light fixtures and the framework for curving soffits that will support acoustic fabric ceiling panels.
- Near the House Steps crews completed paver installation and placement of an aggregate concrete to restore the sidewalk at the southeast corner of the Capitol leading to the House Carriageway and the South Door.
- On the Senate Plaza, masons continue to set bricks around the Senate Triangle to restore its historic characteristics.
- Landscape crews planted shrubs around the four skylights along the western side of the site closer to the face of the Capitol.
- As of early September, 11 of the CVC's 21 air handling units have been brought on line.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- Demolition crews continue work in the transition zone between the Jefferson Building and the LOC tunnel.

Next Week – 9/11/06 – 9/15/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work

- Installation of millwork will continue in the North and South Orientation Theaters.
- Floor stone installation will continue in areas adjacent to the Great Hall.
- Crews will continue assembling the steel support system for the Exhibit Hall's "Wall of Aspirations."
- Stone installation will continue in the main upper-level lobby just east of the Orientation Theaters.
- Exterior metal framework installation and wall stone work will resume at the CVC entrance zone.
- Mechanical system crews will continue to bring air handling units on line.

(See the following two pages for photos of recently completed or ongoing activities.)



Clockwise from top: (1) A worker pulls electrical lines through the ceiling grid in a corridor along the south side of the Great Hall. (2) A mason sets yellow bricks along a portion of the curb near the Senate Steps to match the historic curb design used throughout much of Capitol Hill. (3) Masons set a dolemite stepping stone to the stair at the northwest side of the Great Hall. (4) In the Food Service Area, workers install the ceiling framework that will support curving acoustic fabric panels. When completed, the Food Service Area will accommodate approximately 550 seats, comparable to the seating areas in both the Longworth Building Cafeteria and the North Servery in the Senate Dirksen Office Building.





Clockwise from top: (1) During the August recess workers set granite paving stones to restore the sidewalk and curb line leading to the House Steps and Carriageway. (2) A view of an atrium that will be home to a large spiral staircase connecting all three levels of the House Expansion Space. (3) Flanked by the CVC's two large Great Hall skylights, the American flag atop the dome is illuminated by the rising sun. (4) In the CVC's Exhibition Hall, workers dismantle the scaffold that provided a platform for ceiling work and painters. A metal support system will soon be erected within the steel grid (center of photo) to support a curving marble wall that will house 40-50 historic documents. (5) Landscapers plant shrubs around one of the four skylights along the west side of the East Front Plaza.



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Stone masons have nearly completed the marble and dolemite floor for the lobby area just outside of the South Orientation Theater.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 9/11/06 through 9/15/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Mason teams continue setting stone in the corridors adjacent to the Great Hall and in the threshold transitions from the Great Hall leading to the Food Service Area. Installation of bronze rails for the Hall's central stair may begin this week.
- In the East Front crews are expected to resume installation of the metal framework that will support the stone at the Rotunda and Gallery levels along the east walls. Masons have completed reinstalling the original marble wall panels in the East Front near the Memorial and Law Library Doors. Ceiling and floor work in these zones will proceed shortly.
- In the Exhibition Hall the scaffold has been dismantled and workers continue to lay out the steel framework that will support the marble "Wall of Aspirations," which will house 40 to 50 historic documents down the center of the Hall.
- A millwork contractor is expected to complete the installation of wood ceiling panels inside the North Orientation Theater and will start in the South Theater next week. The ceiling work should be completed by late-September clearing the way for crews to dismantle the scaffolding and install the final acoustic wood panels to the theater walls.
- Floor stone installation is nearly complete in the lobby just outside the South Orientation Theater (see photo above). Crews will continue working from that location heading east toward the south CVC entrance zone.
- Workers have completed installation of bronze railings at the upper level of the atrium near the Congressional Auditorium.
- Stone installation is complete in both the House and Senate stairwell atria walls on all three levels. The scaffolding has been removed in both atria clearing the way for construction of a two-story blockwall that will rise along the eastern side of both atria. These blockwalls will be ornamented with stone and provide a backdrop for open circular staircases that connect all three levels within each of the House and Senate expansion spaces.



Architect of the Capitol Alan Hantman (right) discusses the stone work in the CVC's Great Hall with (from left) Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, Senator Jim DeMint and Senator Robert Bennett during a tour of the Capitol Visitor Center and Senate expansion space on September 5, 2006.

- Ceiling drywall installation is complete in the Food Service area and crews continue installing light fixtures and the framework for curving soffits that will support acoustic fabric ceiling panels. Installation of the finish ceiling panels is expected to begin next week.
- Millwork installation may begin in two Congressional meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium.
- Masons are expected to resume work on the historic seatwalls around the House and Senate large oval grass panels.
- In the expansion spaces, crews continue to prepare walls and ceilings for close-in inspections.
- Utility crews are preparing to open the valves of the CVC's chilled water lines to allow for a full charging of lines next week.



CVC Flashback: On September 11, 2002, during the initial stage of excavation, workers on the CVC site paused to remember those who had lost their lives a year earlier in the terrorist attacks and to pay tribute especially to those passengers on Flight 93 whose bravery may have thwarted a potential attack on the Capitol.

Next Week – 9/18/06 – 9/22/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work

- Installation of millwork will continue in the South Orientation Theater. Crews are expected to begin dismantling the scaffold in the North Orientation Theater.
- Floor stone installation will continue in areas adjacent to the Great Hall.
- Installation of finish ceiling panels may begin in the Food Service Area.
- Crews will begin assembling the steel support system for the Exhibit Hall's "Wall of Aspirations."
- Stone installation will continue in the main upper-level lobby just east of the Orientation Theaters.
- All operating air handling units will be temporarily shut down to allow for chilled water to fill the entire CVC cooling system. The units will come back on line the following week.

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Workers install the steel framework that will support a curving marble wall in the Exhibition Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 9/18/06 through 9/22/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Mason teams continue setting stone in the corridors adjacent to the Great Hall and in the threshold transitions from the Great Hall leading to the Food Service Area. Installation of bronze rails at the upper level of the Great Hall was completed.
- In the East Front crews have resumed installation of the metal framework that will support the stone at the Rotunda and Gallery levels along the west walls.
- In the Exhibition Hall the scaffold has been dismantled and workers have begun erecting the steel framework that will support the marble “Wall of Aspirations,” which will house 40 to 50 historic documents down the center of the Hall (see photo above).
- A millwork contractor is nearing completion of the installation of wood ceiling panels inside the North Orientation Theater and has begun installing panels in the South Theater. The ceiling work should be completed by mid-October clearing the way for crews to dismantle the scaffolding and install the final acoustic wood panels to the theater walls.
- Floor stone installation is complete in the lobby just outside the South Orientation Theater. Crews will continue working from that location heading east toward the south CVC entrance zone.
- Masons continue to install floor stone in the lobby area just beyond the CVC entrance zone.



Workers spread out newly poured concrete for the foundation of a sidewalk around the Senate-side seat wall.

- Workers have completed installation of bronze railings at the upper level of the atrium near the Congressional Auditorium.
- Stone installation is complete in both the House and Senate stairwell atria walls on all three levels. The scaffolding has been removed in both atria clearing the way for construction of a two-story block wall that will rise along the eastern side of both atria. These blockwalls will be ornamented with stone and provide a backdrop for open circular staircases that connect all three levels within each of the House and Senate expansion spaces.
- Ceiling drywall installation is complete in the Food Service area and crews continue installing light fixtures and the framework for curving soffits that will support acoustic fabric ceiling panels. Installation of the finish ceiling panels is expected to begin next week.
- Millwork installation may begin in two Congressional meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium.
- Masons have resumed work on the historic seatwalls around the House and Senate large oval grass panels.
- In the expansion spaces, crews continue to prepare walls and ceilings for close-in inspections.

Next Week – 9/25/06 – 9/29/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work

- Installation of millwork will continue in the South Orientation Theater. Crews may begin dismantling the scaffold in the North Orientation Theater.
- Floor stone installation will continue in areas adjacent to the Great Hall and the Orientation Theaters
- Installation of finish ceiling panels may begin in the Food Service Area.
- Crews will continue assembling the steel support system for the Exhibit Hall’s “Wall of Aspirations.”
- Stone installation will continue in the main upper-level lobby just east of the Orientation Theaters.

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Stone masons are busy setting stone at the north end of the CVC entrance lobby. The south end of the lobby was completed late last week.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 9/25/06 through 9/29/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Mason teams continue setting floor stone in the CVC entrance lobby, in the corridors adjacent to the Great Hall, and in the threshold areas leading to the gift shops and the Library of Congress.
- Floor stone installation is complete in the lobby just outside the South Orientation Theater and nearly complete along the south corridors on both the upper and lower levels. Installation of finish ceiling panels began late last week along the south corridor adjacent to the Great Hall on the lower level. The ceiling contractor has begun working Saturdays to increase the pace of this effort.
- In the East Front, crews continue installing of the metal framework that will support the stone at the Rotunda and Gallery levels along the west walls. A steel beam for an archway in the East Front transition zone was installed on Monday, September 25, and the finish stone for the archway is expect to arrive later this week.
- In the Exhibition Hall, workers continue to assemble the steel framework that will support the marble “Wall of Aspirations,” which will house 40 to 50 historic documents down the center of the Hall.
- A millwork contractor has completed installation of ceiling panels inside the North and South Orientation Theaters. Final ceiling work should be completed by mid-October clearing the way for crews to dismantle the scaffolding, install metal wall framing and set the final acoustic wood panels to the theater walls in November.



A worker applies plaster to the ceiling framework above the Congressional Auditorium. Painters are expected to finish the ceiling next week.

- Workers are completing plastering of the Congressional Auditorium ceiling (see photo above). Painting will follow next week. Meanwhile, workers continue to install mechanical winches for the Auditorium's light fixtures.
- Stone installation is complete in both the House and Senate stairwell atria walls on all three levels. The scaffolding has been removed in both atria clearing the way for construction of a two-story block wall that will rise along the eastern side of both atria. These blockwalls will be ornamented with stone and provide a backdrop for open circular staircases that connect all three levels within each of the House and Senate expansion spaces.
- In the Food Service Area, workers have completed installation of ceiling drywall and the framework for curving soffits that will support acoustic fabric ceiling panels. Final electrical work is now being completed and will be followed promptly by the installation of the finish fabric ceiling panels in early October.
- Millwork installation is expected to begin in two Congressional meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium.
- Masons have nearly completed the stonework for the historic seatwalls around the House and Senate grass panels. A decorative paving pattern is nearly complete around the north and south historic fountains.

Next Week – 10/2/06 – 10/6/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work

- Crews may begin dismantling the scaffold in the North and South Orientation Theaters.
- Floor stone installation will continue in areas adjacent to the Great Hall and the Orientation Theaters on the upper and lower levels.
- Installation of finish ceiling panels may begin in the Food Service Area and will continue in corridors along the Great Hall.
- Crews will continue assembling the steel support system for the Exhibit Hall's "Wall of Aspirations."
- Stone installation will continue in the main upper-level lobby just east of the Orientation Theaters.



A mason applies grout between stones in the East Front transition zone, in an area that use to serve as a carriageway below the East Front center steps.

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The first substantial expanse of finish ceiling panels in the CVC can be seen in this corridor just south of the Great Hall. Protective materials cover the floor stone below, while all of the interior wall stone in this area, and throughout most of the CVC proper, has been installed.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 10/2/06 through 10/6/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Mason teams continue setting floor stone in the CVC entrance lobby vestibule and are nearly complete with floor stone work in the interior upper level lobby just east of the Great Hall.
- Floor stone installation is complete in the lobby just outside the South Orientation Theater and nearly complete along the south corridors on both the upper and lower levels. Masons continue setting floor stone in the north corridors.
- Installation of finish ceiling panels is nearly 75 percent complete along the lower level south corridor adjacent to the Great Hall. The ceiling contractor will continue working six 10-hour days each week to increase the pace of installation of ceiling panels throughout the CVC.
- Crews have begun installing finish flat ceiling panels in the Food Service area. Curved acoustic fabric ceiling panels for the Food Service area have been delivered and will be installed in mid-October.
- In the East Front, crews continue installing the metal stud framework that will support the stone at the Rotunda and Gallery levels along the west walls. Workers are expected to complete installation of steel for a redesigned archway above the main central staircase. Stone installation on the beam is expected to begin by mid-October.
- In the Exhibition Hall (EH), workers continue to assemble the steel framework that will support the marble “Wall of Aspirations,” which will house 40 to 50 historic documents down the center of the EH. Workers are installing insulated tubular air duct below the floor grid and the duct now reaches some of the document window locations within the Unistrut system. Also in the EH, ceiling contractors are framing the tray ceilings above the virtual House and Senate Theaters while a millwork contractor installs the blue soffit trim panels around the central ceiling zone.



Workers recently removed the scaffold at the base of a new central staircase that connects the CVC to the Capitol. By the end of October, all of the stonework for the archways above the staircase should be completed, clearing the way for installation of escalators on either side.

- A millwork contractor has completed installation of ceiling panels inside the North and South Orientation Theaters. Final ceiling work should be completed by mid-October clearing the way for crews to dismantle the scaffolding, install metal wall framing and set the final acoustic wood panels to the theater walls in November. Some scaffolding along the elevator corridors within the theaters has already been removed and a drywall substrate has been installed for some of the finish wall panels.
- Workers are completing plastering of the Congressional Auditorium ceiling and are now painting the soffits. Meanwhile, workers continue to install mechanical winches for the Auditorium's light fixtures. The scaffolding in the Auditorium is expected to be dismantled in October allowing for the installation of finish wall panels and floor carpeting in November.
- Millwork installation is expected to begin in two Congressional meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium.
- Masons have nearly completed the stonework for the historic seatwalls around the House and Senate grass panels. A decorative paving pattern is complete around the north and south historic fountains.
- Utility crews continue to balance the CVC's 23 air handling units. More than half of the units have been pressure tested while purging and flushing of the chilled water and steam lines continue.

Next Week – 10/9/06 – 10/13/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work

- Crews are expected to begin dismantling the scaffold in the North and South Orientation Theaters.
- Floor stone installation will continue in corridors and lobby areas on both the upper and lower levels.
- Installation of finish ceiling panels will continue in the Food Service Area and in upper and lower level corridors.
- Crews will continue installing air duct, framing ceilings for the virtual House and Senate Theaters, and assembling the steel support system for the Exhibit Hall's "Wall of Aspirations."

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The wood panel ceiling of the North Orientation Theater is now in full view after crews dismantled the scaffolding that occupied the theater during the last several months. Inset: An artist's rendering shows a portion of the 34' X 19' projection screen at the front of the theater. When completed, both the South and North Orientation Theaters will showcase a 12-minute film highlighting the history of the Capitol and the Congress.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 10/16/06 through 10/20/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Mason teams have nearly completed setting floor stone in the CVC entrance lobby, the adjacent vestibule area, and the upper level east lobby overlooking the Great Hall.
- Scaffolding has been removed inside the North Orientation Theater (see photo above) clearing the way for installation of wood and fabric wall panels. Final floor stone installation also has begun in the North Theater. Crews are expected to begin dismantling the scaffold in the South Orientation Theater later this week.
- Installation of finish ceiling panels continues in many areas throughout the site. The south corridor adjacent to the Great Hall on the lower level is nearly 80 percent complete (see top photo next page). Ceiling panels have also been installed in corridors leading to the Congressional Auditorium. Final ceiling panels are expected to be installed at the east side of the Great Hall by the end of the week, allowing the scaffold to then be dismantled clearing the way for stone work in that area.
- Floor stone installation is complete in the lobby just outside the South Orientation Theater and nearly complete along the south corridors on both the upper and lower levels. Masons continue setting floor stone in the upper level north corridor.
- Installation of finish ceiling panels is nearly 85 percent complete along the lower level south corridor adjacent to the Great Hall and leading east toward the Congressional Auditorium. The ceiling contractor will continue working six 10-hour days each week to maintain an increased pace of installation of ceiling panels throughout the CVC.

- Crews have completed installing finish flat ceiling panels in the Food Service area. Curved acoustic fabric ceiling panels for the Food Service area have been delivered and will be installed next week.
- In the East Front, crews continue installing the metal stud framework that will support the stone at the Rotunda and Gallery levels along the east and west walls. Workers are expected to complete installation of steel for a redesigned archway above the main central staircase. Stone installation on the beam is expected to begin by late-October.
- In the Exhibition Hall (EH), workers continue to assemble the steel framework that will support the marble “Wall of Aspirations,” which will house historic documents. Workers are installing insulated tubular air duct below the floor grid and the duct now reaches some of the document window locations within the wall framework. Also in the EH, ceiling contractors are framing the tray ceilings above the virtual House and Senate Theaters and a millwork contractor has completed the installation of the blue soffit trim panels around the central ceiling zone.
- Ceiling “close-in” inspections are occurring in the Congressional Auditorium and the scaffolding in the Auditorium is expected to be dismantled by mid-November allowing for the installation of finish wall panels.
- Ceiling millwork installation is continuing in two Congressional meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium.
- Masons have completed the stonework for the historic seatwalls around the House and Senate grass panels. A decorative paving pattern is complete around the north and south historic fountains.
- Utility crews continue to balance the CVC’s 23 air handling units. The first chilled water pre-test has been completed.



Ceiling panel installation is nearly complete in a south side corridor adjacent to the Great Hall.

Next Week – 10/23/06 – 10/27/06

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Crews are expected to begin dismantling the scaffold at the east side of the Great Hall clearing the way for masons to set floor and step stones and complete other stone work for the fountains at the base of each staircase.
- Floor stone installation will continue in corridors and lobby areas on both the upper and lower levels primarily on the north side of both the Great Hall and CVC entrance zone.
- Installation of finish fabric ceiling panels will begin in the Food Service Area and continue in upper and lower level corridors around the Great Hall.
- In the Exhibition Hall, crews will continue installing framework for ceilings in the virtual House and Senate Theaters, and assemble the steel support system for the Exhibition Hall’s “Wall of Aspirations.”
- Plaza restoration work will continue near the House Steps and along the eastern edge of the Senate Triangle.



A CVC worker installs cherry wood panels to ceiling soffits in a meeting room adjacent to the Congressional Auditorium. Crews are now installing millwork and fabric ceiling and wall panels in several areas throughout the CVC.

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Clockwise from right: (1) An image taken October 16, 2006, shows the view of the East Capitol Grounds from the Jefferson Building dome. Visible are 32 new trees along the East Capitol Street Extension and the historic lanterns and fountains in the center of the Plaza. The new skylights above the CVC's Great Hall are visible in the left center of the photo. (2) Masons apply grout and set stone in the CVC's south entrance lobby. Tennessee marble ornaments the wall at left. (3) Workers install conduit in the ceiling grid above the east side of the Great Hall. The scaffold will be dismantled next week clearing the way for the final floor and stair stone installation in this area. (4) Workers assemble formwork for concrete foundations around the south skylight. Water will slowly revolve around black granite slabs that will be supported by the new concrete below.



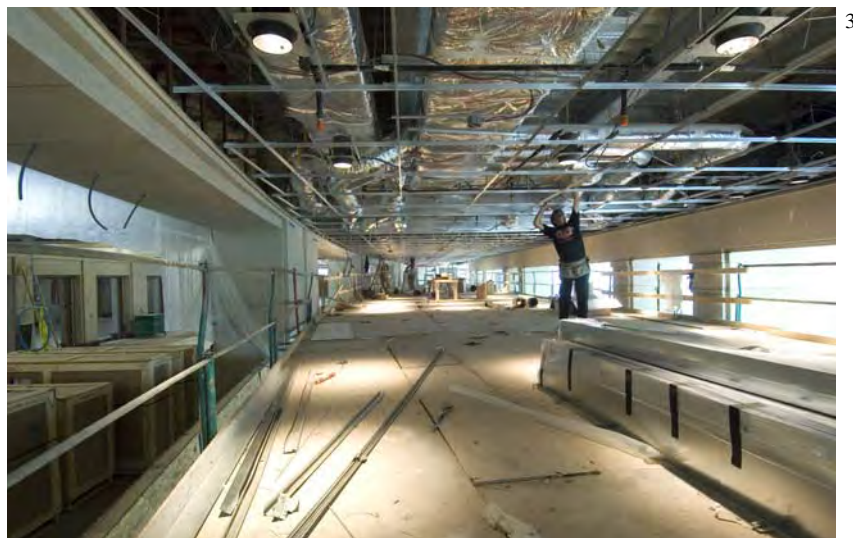
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Clockwise from right: (1) Workers place concrete inside a bronze basin that is part of the Olmsted-designed historic fountain originally installed in the late 1870s. The fountain will be revived as a fully operational misting fountain. (2) Inside a pedestrian tunnel that connects the CVC to the Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress, workers apply plaster and set stone pilasters along the south wall of the tunnel. The 600-foot-long oval tunnel curves along with, but below, the House side oval grass panel, runs below First Street, and then connects to the northwest corner of the Jefferson Building. (3) Downlighting on split-face sandstone blocks adds architectural interest to the exterior face of a meeting room wall near the Congressional Auditorium. (4) Masons sets granite blocks to the exterior wall flanking a staircase that connects the East Front Plaza to the CVC entrance.



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Masons set stone at the base of a staircase leading to the entrance of a new Congressional Auditorium located below the East Capitol Street Extension.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 10/23/06 through 10/27/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Mason teams have nearly completed setting floor stone in the CVC entrance lobby, the adjacent vestibule area, and the upper level east lobby overlooking the Great Hall.
- Scaffolding has been removed from both the North and South Orientation Theater clearing the way for installation of wood and fabric wall panels. Final floor stone installation continues in the North Theater.
- Installation of finish ceiling panels continues in many areas throughout the site. The south corridor adjacent to the Great Hall on the lower level is nearly 85 percent complete. Ceiling panels have also been installed in corridors leading to the Congressional Auditorium. Final ceiling panels are being installed at the east side of the Great Hall and that work should be completed this week, allowing the scaffold to then be dismantled clearing the way for stone work in that area.
- Floor stone installation is complete in the lobby just outside the South Orientation Theater and nearly complete along the south corridors on both the upper and lower levels. Masons continue setting floor stone in the upper level north corridor.
- Installation of finish ceiling panels is nearly 85 percent complete along the lower level south corridor adjacent to the Great Hall and leading east toward the Congressional Auditorium. The ceiling contractor will continue working six 10-hour days each week to maintain an increased pace of installation of ceiling panels throughout the CVC.
- Crews have completed installing finish flat ceiling panels in the Food Service area. Curved acoustic fabric ceiling panels for the Food Service area are now being installed and that installation will continue for three weeks.
- In the East Front, crews continue installing the metal stud framework that will support the stone at the Rotunda and Gallery levels along the east and west walls. Workers have completed installation of steel for a redesigned archway above the main central staircase and stone installation on the beam is expected to begin next week.



Workers install a bronze frame to a steel window structure in the CVC entrance zone.

- In the Exhibition Hall (EH), workers are expected to resume assembly of the steel framework that will support the marble “Wall of Aspirations,” which will house historic documents. Also in the EH, ceiling contractors have completed framing the tray ceilings above the virtual House and Senate Theaters and ceiling “close-in” inspections are expected to occur this week, clearing the way for installation of drywall, finish ceiling panels and millwork in both theaters.
- Ceiling “close-in” inspections are occurring in the Congressional Auditorium and the scaffolding in the Auditorium is expected to be dismantled by mid-November allowing for the installation of finish wall panels.
- Ceiling millwork installation is nearing completion in two Congressional meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium. Floor stone installation is occurring in the lower lobby area west of the Auditorium.
- Masons have completed the stonework for the historic seatwalls around the House and Senate grass panels. A decorative paving pattern is complete around the north and south historic fountains. Masons have resumed installation of pavers between the historic lanterns and fountains.
- Utility crews continue to balance the CVC’s 23 air handling units. The first chilled water pre-test has been completed.

Next Week – 10/30/06 – 11/3/06

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Crews are expected to begin dismantling the scaffold at the east side of the Great Hall clearing the way for masons to set floor and step stones and complete other stone work for the fountains at the base of each staircase.
- Floor stone installation will continue in corridors and lobby areas on both the upper and lower levels primarily on the north side of both the Great Hall and CVC entrance zone and in corridors approaching the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of finish fabric ceiling panels will continue in the Food Service Area and continue in the upper and lower level corridors around the Great Hall.
- In the Exhibition Hall, crews will begin installing finish panels.
- Senate Plaza restoration work will continue near the Senate triangle.

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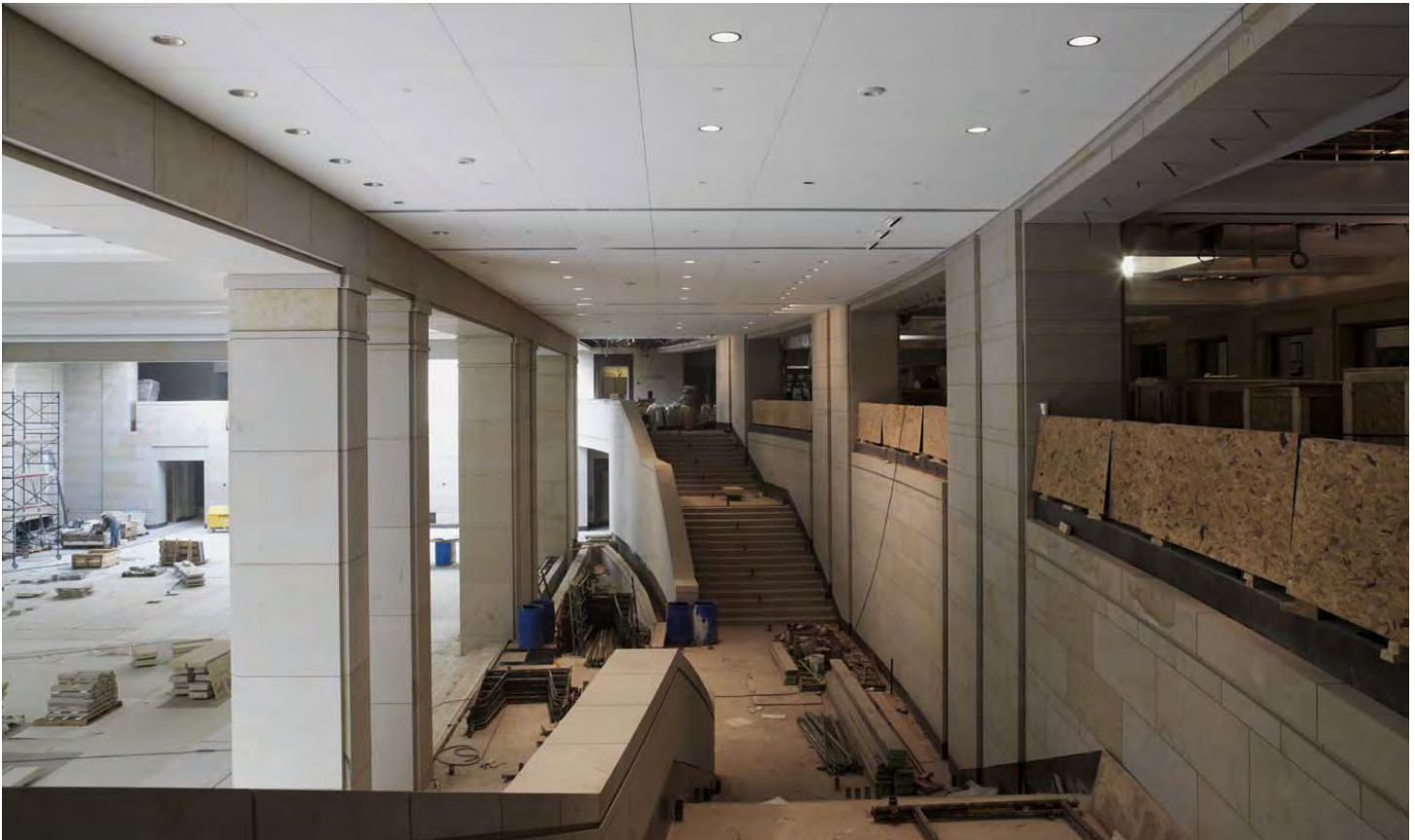


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On Saturday, Oct. 28, crews dismantled the remaining scaffolding in the Great Hall revealing the finished ceiling above (top center). With the scaffold out of the way, masons will begin later this week installing finish stone on the stairs and around the water features at the base of each staircase.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 10/30/06 through 11/3/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Crews have removed scaffolding above the two Great Hall monumental staircases on the east side of the Hall clearing the way for masons to begin installing the step stones on the stairs and complete the remaining stone work around the adjacent water features at the base of the stairs.
- Mason teams have nearly completed setting floor stone in the CVC entrance lobby, the adjacent vestibule area, the upper level east lobby overlooking the Great Hall, and the upper level circulation lobby leading to the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of floor stone continues in the North Orientation Theater while preparatory work continues in the South Theater. Crews have also erected scaffolding in the South Theater to allow crews to begin wall panel installation.
- Installation of ceiling panels and millwork finishes continue in many areas and is nearly complete in meeting rooms and corridors near the Congressional Auditorium.
- Floor stone installation is complete in the lobby just outside the South Orientation Theater and nearly complete along the south corridors on both the upper and lower levels. Masons continue setting floor stone in the upper level north corridor.
- Installation of finish ceiling panels is nearly 85 percent complete along the lower level south corridor adjacent to the Great Hall and leading east toward the Congressional Auditorium. The ceiling contractor will continue working six 10-hour days each week to maintain an increased pace of installation of ceiling panels throughout the CVC.
- Crews have installed about 75 percent of the curved acoustic fabric ceiling panels in the Food Service area (photo next page).



A view of the East Front Plaza taken from a time-lapse camera atop the Jefferson Building dome at noon on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006. In November, the prime exterior stone contractor will make a strong push to secure additional manpower to complete most of the plaza stone work by the end of the year.

- In the East Front, crews continue installing ductwork, and the metal stud framework that will support the stone at the Rotunda and Gallery levels along the east and west walls. Workers have completed installation of steel for a redesigned archway above the main central staircase and stone installation on the beam is ongoing.
- In the Exhibition Hall (EH), workers are expected to resume assembly of the steel framework that will support the marble “Wall of Aspirations,” which will house historic documents.
- Final ceiling work related to the installation of 28 mechanical light fixture winches is occurring in the Congressional Auditorium and the scaffolding in the Auditorium is expected to be dismantled by mid-November.
- Ceiling millwork installation is nearing completion in two Congressional meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium. Floor stone installation is continuing in the lower lobby area west of the Auditorium
- Masons continue installation of pavers between the historic lanterns and fountains and along the East Capitol St. Extension.
- Utility crews continue to balance the CVC’s 23 air handling units.

Next Week – 11/6/06 – 11/10/06

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Masons will continue to set stones on the steps at the east end of the Great Hall and complete other stone work for the fountains at the base of each staircase.
- Floor stone installation will continue in corridors and lobby areas on both the upper and lower levels primarily on the north side of both the Great Hall and CVC entrance zone and in corridors approaching the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of finish fabric ceiling panels should near completion in the Food Service Area and continue in the upper and lower level corridors around the Great Hall.
- In the Exhibition Hall, crews are expected to begin installing finish panels. Workers will continue assembling the steel structure for the Wall of Aspirations.
- Senate Plaza paving work should be completed near the Senate triangle.



Workers install curved acoustic fabric ceiling panels in the Food Service area.

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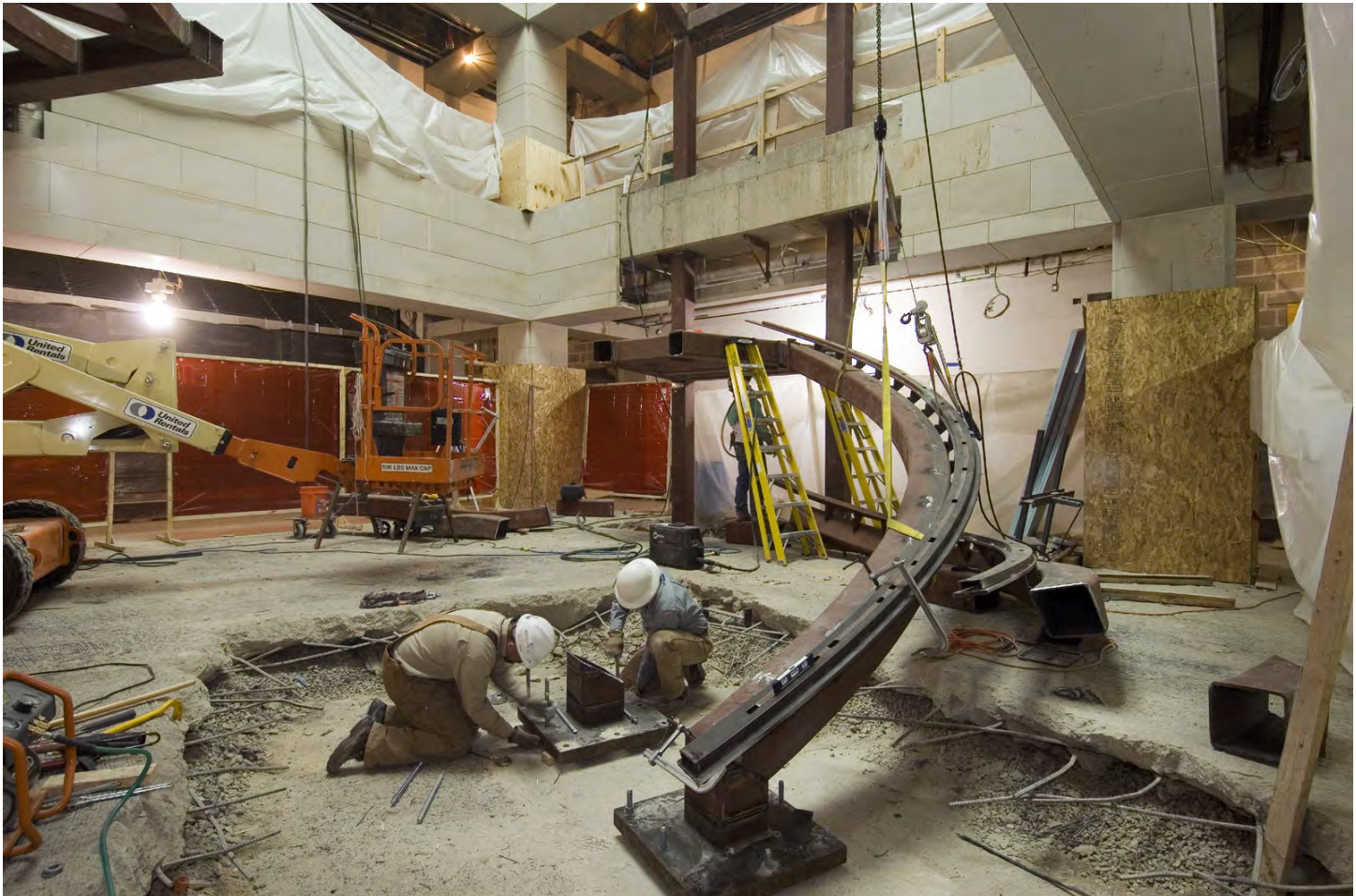


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A CVC crew installs part of the steel foundation for a spiral staircase that will connect all three levels of the Senate Expansion Space.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 11/6/06 through 11/10/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Floor stone masons continue installing the step stones on the east central stairs in the Great Hall and have begun the remaining concrete, waterproofing and stone work around the adjacent water features at the base of the stairs.
- Mason teams have nearly completed setting floor stone in the CVC entrance lobby, the adjacent vestibule area, the upper level east lobby overlooking the Great Hall, and the upper level circulation lobby leading to the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of floor stone continues in the North Orientation Theater while millwork installation continues in the South Theater.
- Installation of ceiling panels continues in meeting rooms and corridors near the Congressional Auditorium and in the Food Service area. The ceiling contractor will continue working six 10-hour days each week to maintain an increased pace of installation of ceiling panels throughout the CVC.
- In the East Front, crews continue installing ductwork, and the metal stud framework that will support the stone at the Rotunda and Gallery levels along the east and west walls. Workers have completed installation of steel for a redesigned archway above the main central staircase and stone installation is expected to be completed this week. The ceiling contractor will then erect a new scaffold and begin framing the grid above the central stairs and escalator runs.



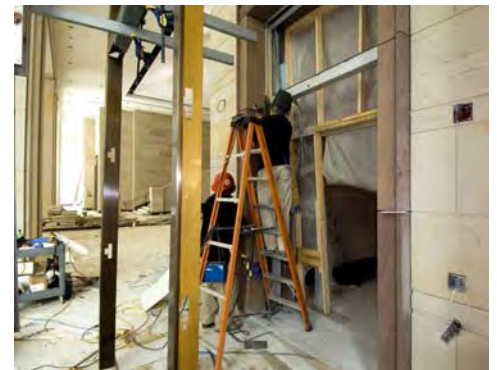
In the CVC's 16,500-square-foot Exhibition Hall, a worker continues ceiling panel installation in the Virtual Senate Theater.

- In the Exhibition Hall, workers continue to assemble the steel framework for the marble wall that will house historic documents. Also in the Hall, the ceiling contractor continues to install the insulation, soundproofing and drywall boards to the ceiling grids in the Virtual House and Senate Theaters.
- Final ceiling work related to the installation of 28 mechanical light fixture winches is nearing completion in the Congressional Auditorium clearing the way for the scaffold in the Auditorium to be dismantled by mid-November.
- Masons continue to set stone to the exterior walls along the north side of the CVC entrance zone and the north entrance steps.
- The mechanical contractor has completed the chilled water balancing of the CVC's air handling units. Steam is now available to several units and two should be available to move fully conditioned air into the Great Hall by mid-November.

Next Week – 11/13/06 – 11/17/06

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Masons will continue to set stones on the steps at the east end of the Great Hall and continue other concrete and stone work for the fountains at the base of each staircase.
- Floor stone installation will continue in corridors and lobby areas near the Congressional Auditorium, around the Great Hall, and in the Orientation Theaters.
- Ceiling crews are expected to complete installation of fabric ceiling panels in the Food Service Area and continue in the upper and lower level corridors around the Great Hall and in the Exhibition Hall.
- Millwork installation will continue in the South Orientation Theater.
- Scaffolding will be erected in the East Front transition zone for the start of the ceiling grid above the central stairs and escalator paths.
- Exterior stone work will continue along the face of the CVC entrance zone.
- Ceiling close-in inspections, stone installation, and ceiling panel installation will occur in the Senate Expansion Space.
- Crews will begin installing metal framework for bulkheads in the House Committee Hearing Room.



Workers install a bronze framework to the threshold of the North Orientation Theater.

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A crew raises one of the two bronze doors for the North Orientation Theater visitor entrance. The entrance threshold is framed with burgundy sandstone (right of photo) to match similar stone work around both of the north and south entrances of the Capitol Rotunda.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 11/13/06 through 11/17/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Stone masons are expected to complete installation of stone on the east side stairs in the Great Hall. Waterproofing on the fountains at the base of the east side stairs will begin this week.
- Mason teams have nearly completed setting floor stone in the CVC entrance lobby, the adjacent vestibule area, the upper level east lobby overlooking the Great Hall, and the upper level circulation lobby leading to the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of floor stone continues in the North Orientation Theater while millwork installation continues in the South Theater. Installation of bronze doors for the North Orientation Theater (see photo above).
- Crews will continue to finish the trim around ceiling panels in the Congressional Auditorium. All 28 light fixture mechanical winches have been installed. Scaffolding will begin to be dismantled next week.
- In the East Front, crews continue installing ductwork and the metal stud framework that will support the stone at the Rotunda and Gallery levels along the east and west walls. The ceiling contractor has erected a scaffold to allow crews to begin framing the grid above the central stairs and escalator runs.



In the Exhibition Hall, workers continue to build the structure that will house document cases and support nearly 20 tons of marble.

- In the Exhibition Hall, workers continue to assemble the steel framework for the marble wall that will house historic documents (see photo above). Ceiling work continues along both the east and west sides of the Hall. Installation of marble on the south half of the “Wall of Aspirations” has begun.
- Masons continue to set stone to the exterior walls along the north side of the CVC entrance zone and the north entrance steps.
- The mechanical contractor has completed the chilled water balancing of the CVC’s air handling units. Steam is now available to all 23 units as well. Fully conditioned air is expected in the Great Hall early next week.

Next Week – 11/20/06 – 11/24/06

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Workers will continue waterproofing the fountains in the Great Hall. Concrete placements may occur late in the week.
- Floor stone installation will continue in corridors and lobby areas near the Congressional Auditorium, around the Great Hall, and in the Orientation Theaters.
- Crews will begin dismantling the scaffold in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Ceiling bulkhead work and plaster work will continue in the CVC entrance zones.
- Crews may begin assembling the steel support structure for the north half of the “Wall of Aspirations” in the CVC Exhibition Hall.
- Installation of kitchen equipment will continue in the Food Service Area.
- Millwork installation will continue in the South Orientation Theater.
- Installation of bronze doors for the Orientation Theaters.
- Ceiling grid installation will continue in the East Front transition zone.
- Exterior stone work will continue along the face of the CVC entrance zone.
- Ceiling close-in inspections, stone installation, and ceiling panel installation will occur in the Senate Expansion Space.
- Crews will continue installing metal framework for bulkheads in the House Committee Hearing Room.

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This Week – Ongoing Work – 11/13/06 through 11/17/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Stone masons are expected to complete installation of stone on the east side stairs in the Great Hall. Waterproofing on the fountains at the base of the east side stairs will begin this week.
- Mason teams have nearly completed setting floor stone in the CVC entrance lobby, the adjacent vestibule area, the upper level east lobby overlooking the Great Hall, and the upper level circulation lobby leading to the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of floor stone continues in the North Orientation Theater while millwork installation continues in the South Theater. Installation of bronze doors for the North Orientation Theater (see photo above).
- Crews will continue to finish the trim around ceiling panels in the Congressional Auditorium. All 28 light fixture mechanical winches have been installed. Scaffolding will begin to be dismantled next week.
- In the East Front, crews continue installing ductwork and the metal stud framework that will support the stone at the Rotunda and Gallery levels along the east and west walls. The ceiling contractor has erected a scaffold to allow crews to begin framing the grid above the central stairs and escalator runs.



In the Exhibition Hall, workers continue to build the structure that will house document cases and support nearly 20 tons of marble.

- In the Exhibition Hall, workers continue to assemble the steel framework for the marble wall that will house historic documents (see photo above). Ceiling work continues along both the east and west sides of the Hall. Installation of marble on the south half of the “Wall of Aspirations” has begun.
- Masons continue to set stone to the exterior walls along the north side of the CVC entrance zone and the north entrance steps.
- The mechanical contractor has completed the chilled water balancing of the CVC’s air handling units. Steam is now available to all 23 units as well. Fully conditioned air is expected in the Great Hall early next week.

Next Week – 11/20/06 – 11/24/06

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Workers will continue waterproofing the fountains in the Great Hall. Concrete placements may occur late in the week.
- Floor stone installation will continue in corridors and lobby areas near the Congressional Auditorium, around the Great Hall, and in the Orientation Theaters.
- Crews will begin dismantling the scaffold in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Ceiling bulkhead work and plaster work will continue in the CVC entrance zones.
- Crews may begin assembling the steel support structure for the north half of the “Wall of Aspirations” in the CVC Exhibition Hall.
- Installation of kitchen equipment will continue in the Food Service Area.
- Millwork installation will continue in the South Orientation Theater.
- Installation of bronze doors for the Orientation Theaters.
- Ceiling grid installation will continue in the East Front transition zone.
- Exterior stone work will continue along the face of the CVC entrance zone.
- Ceiling close-in inspections, stone installation, and ceiling panel installation will occur in the Senate Expansion Space.
- Crews will continue installing metal framework for bulkheads in the House Committee Hearing Room.

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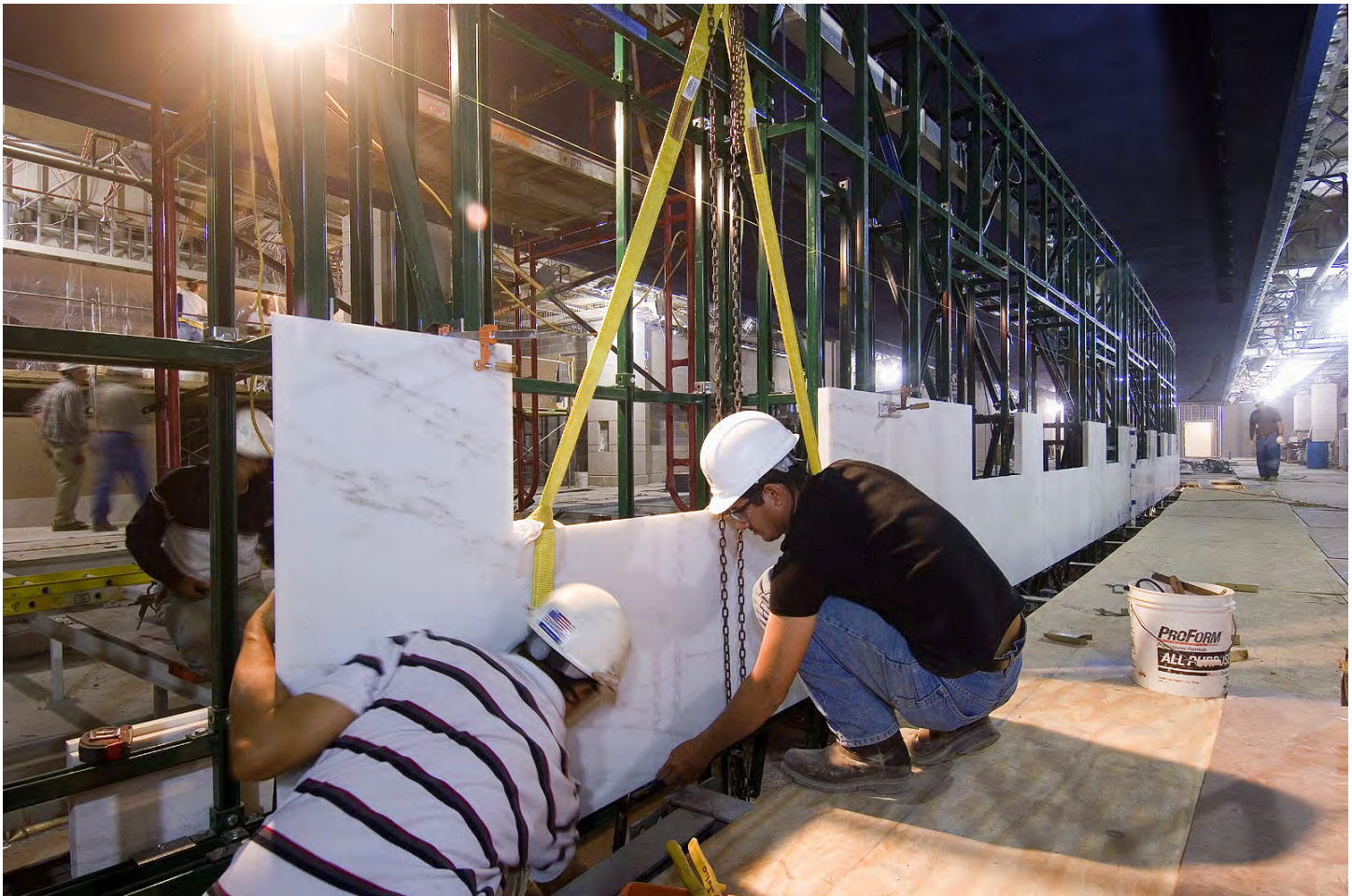


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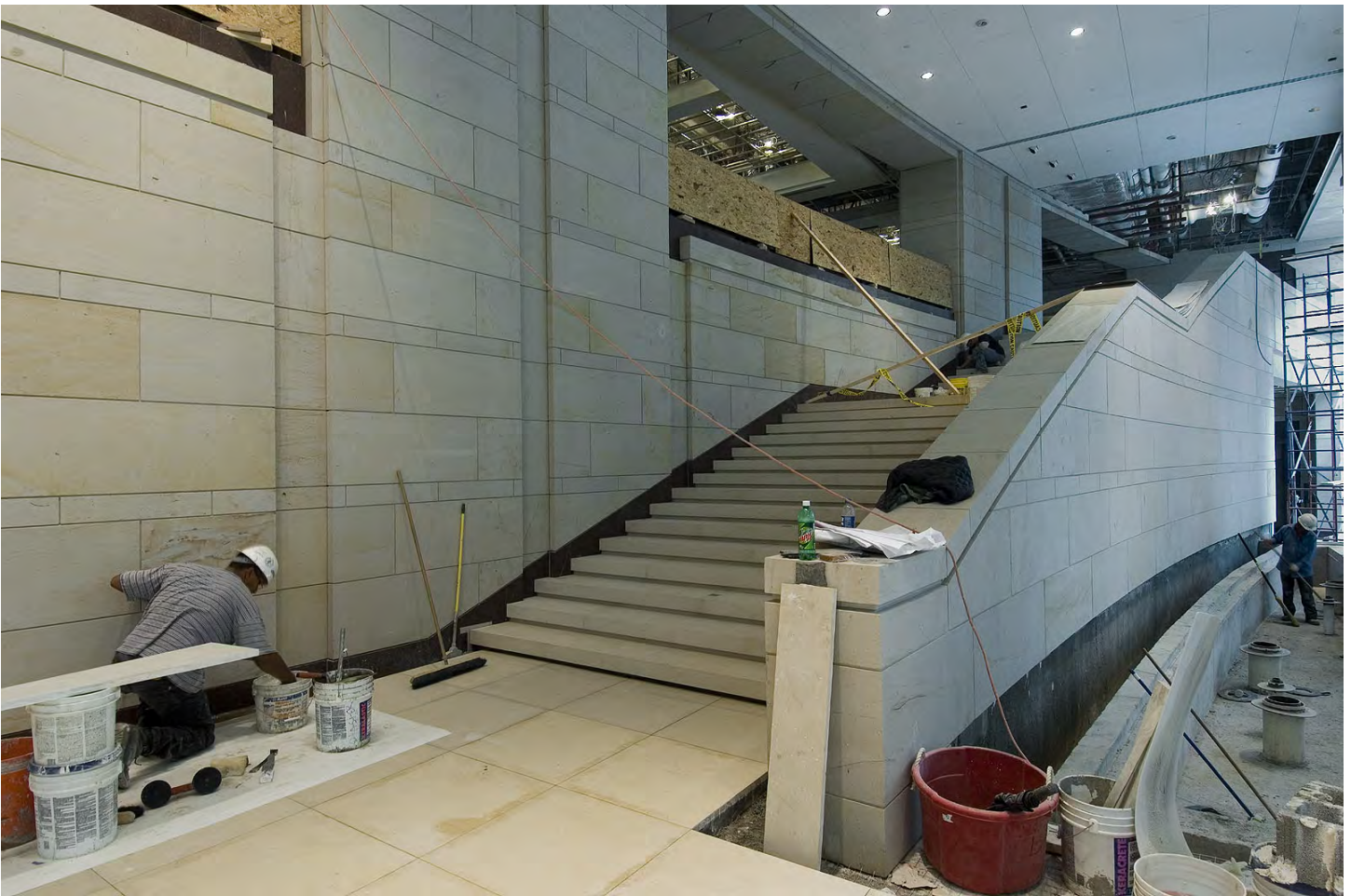


In the Exhibition Hall, masons set a piece of marble for the “Wall of Aspirations,” which will house display cases for historic documents.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 11/20/06 through 11/24/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- In the Great Hall stone masons have completed installation of stone on the east side monumental stairs (see photo opposite page). Workers are now waterproofing the water conduit for the fountains at the base of the stairs.
- Installation of step stones is nearly complete in the North Orientation Theater. Millwork installation continues in the South Theater. Installation of bronze doors for the North Orientation Theater has been completed.
- Scaffolding inside the Congressional Auditorium is being dismantled. Concrete work for the floor will begin next week.
- Scaffolding is being assembled at the Rotunda and Gallery levels this week. Ceiling work will begin next week at these two levels. Meanwhile, the ceiling contractor continues framing the grid above the central stairs and escalator runs.
- In the Exhibition Hall, masons have begun to set marble to the steel structure for a display wall (see photo above). Crews have begun assembling the steel framework for the north half of the wall.
- Masons continue to set stone to the exterior walls along the CVC entrance zone and at the north entrance steps.
- Fully conditioned air is expected to be delivered in the Great Hall this week.
- Masons continue setting granite pavers around the historic Olmsted lanterns.
- Stone installation continues along the exterior façade at the CVC entrance zone.
- Workers are preparing formwork for concrete pedestal slabs around the skylights above the Great Hall. Water will slowly revolve around black granite slabs that will be set on top of the concrete pedestals.
- Concrete placements are occurring in the House Carriageway for the top slab above the House Connector Tunnel.



In the Great Hall, masons have completed the installation of stone on two monumental staircases and the central landing at the east side of the Hall.

Next Week – 11/27/06 – 12/1/06

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Ceiling work will continue in the East Front transition zone through the Carriageway and at the Rotunda and Gallery levels. This work will include metal stud framework and installation of ductwork, electrical and telecommunications conduit, light fixtures and other ceiling elements.
- Workers will continue waterproofing the fountains in the Great Hall. Concrete placements may occur late in the week.
- Floor stone installation will continue in corridors and lobby areas near the Congressional Auditorium, near the Great Hall east steps at the upper level, and will begin in the South Orientation Theaters.
- Stonework is expected to be complete in the North Orientation Theater and millwork installation will begin.
- Crews will begin assembling formwork for concrete floor slabs in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of ceiling drywall will continue in the CVC entrance zone.
- Installation of kitchen equipment will continue in the Food Service Area.
- Crews are placing concrete above the House Connector Tunnel in the House Carriageway. Paving work will resume this week to restore the House Carriageway for vehicle access by December 5, 2006.
- In House Expansion Space, crews continue installing the metal framework for the ceiling of a Committee Hearing Room.
- In the Senate Expansion Space, ceiling close-in inspections will continue in the lower level while crews continue dropping ceiling panels into the ceiling grid of the Senate Recording Studio on the upper level.
- Workers will continue to install drainage grates around the new trees that were planted this spring along both sides of the East Capitol Street Extension. The trees provide a canopy over stepped walkways leading to the CVC entrance from First Street.



Masons have resumed setting pavers around the historic Olmsted lanterns on the East Front Plaza.

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Early last week, workers began dismantling the scaffold in the 450-seat Congressional Auditorium.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 11/27/06 through 12/4/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Crews have dismantled nearly 90 percent of the scaffolding inside the Congressional Auditorium.
- In the Great Hall, workers have completed primary waterproofing in the fountains at the base of the east stairs.
- Installation of step stones is complete in the North Orientation Theater. Millwork installation continues in the South Theater. Installation of bronze doors for the North Orientation Theater has been completed.
- Scaffolding has been assembled at the Rotunda (2nd floor) and Gallery (3rd floor) levels inside the East Front of the Capitol. Installation of metal framework continues at the Gallery level to support stone that will be installed early next year. Meanwhile, a ceiling contractor continues framing the grid above the central stairs and escalator runs while masons continue to install the step stones on the stairs that connect the CVC to the Capitol.
- In the Exhibition Hall, masons continue to set marble to the steel structure of the Wall of Aspirations. The openings for 11 document cases are now partially defined. Crews continue assembling the steel framework for the north wall.
- Masons continue to set stone to the exterior walls and columns along the CVC entrance zone.
- Masons continue setting granite pavers on the Plaza and are currently working near the CVC north entrance steps.
- Workers continue placing concrete pedestal slabs around the north skylight above the Great Hall. Water will slowly revolve around black granite slabs that will be set on top of the concrete pedestals.
- Floor stone installation continues in the upper level north-side corridor adjacent to the Great Hall.



Workers make adjustments to a very complex system of air duct in the kitchen of the CVC's Food Service Area.

Next Week – 12/4/06 – 12/11/06

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Ceiling work will continue in the East Front transition zone through the Carriageway and at the Rotunda and Gallery levels. This work will include metal stud framework and installation of ductwork, electrical and telecommunications conduit, light fixtures and other ceiling elements.
- In the Great Hall, workers are expected to begin placing concrete pedestals for the fountains at the base of the two east-side staircases. Water will slowly revolve around black granite slabs supported by the pedestals.
- Floor stone installation will continue in corridors and lobby areas near the Congressional Auditorium, near the Great Hall east steps at the upper level and the South Orientation Theaters.
- Stonework is complete in the North Orientation Theater and millwork installation is expected to begin.
- Crews will begin assembling formwork for concrete floor slabs in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of ceiling drywall will continue in the CVC entrance zone.
- Installation of kitchen equipment will continue in the Food Service Area.
- Crews are placing concrete above the House Connector Tunnel in the House Carriageway. Paving work will resume this week to restore the House Carriageway for vehicle access by December 5, 2006.
- In House Expansion Space, crews will continue installing the metal framework for the ceiling of a Committee Hearing Room. Close-in inspections will continue in the lower level. Two of four steel landings are in place for the House atrium staircase.
- In the Senate Expansion Space, ceiling close-in inspections will continue in the lower level while crews continue dropping ceiling panels into the ceiling grid of the Senate Recording Studio on the upper level. The four structural steel landings for the Senate atrium staircase are in place. Installation of stone pilasters continues on the lower level.
- Workers will continue to install drainage grates around the new trees that were planted this spring along both sides of the East Capitol Street Extension. The trees provide a canopy over stepped walkways leading to the CVC entrance from First Street.

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Masons secure a block of white marble to the “Wall of Aspirations” in the CVC Exhibition Hall. The wall will house historic documents that will highlight our national aspirations of exploration, common defense, unity, freedom, general welfare and knowledge.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 12/4/06 through 12/8/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Crews have dismantled the scaffolding inside the Congressional Auditorium clearing the way for placement of concrete floor panels that will support 450 theater-like seats.
- In the Great Hall, workers continue installing finish elements including bronze grills over air supply openings, and bronze hand rails along the east side staircases.
- Installation of step stones is complete in the North Orientation Theater. In the South Orientation Theater, millwork installation continues and the installation of acoustic fabric wall panels has begun.
- Scaffolding has been assembled at the Rotunda (2nd floor) and Gallery (3rd floor) levels inside the East Front of the Capitol. Installation of metal framework continues at the Gallery level to support stone. Meanwhile, a ceiling contractor continues framing the grid above the central stairs and escalator runs while masons continue to install the step stones on the stairs that connect the CVC to the Capitol.
- In the Exhibition Hall, masons continue to set marble to the steel structure of the Wall of Aspirations (see photo above). The openings for 11 document cases are now partially defined. Meanwhile, the primary steel framework for the north wall is nearly complete. Crews will begin installing interior steel supports in the north wall later this week.
- Masons continue to set stone to the exterior walls and columns along the CVC entrance zone.
- On the CVC roof deck, masons have completed setting pavers around the historic lanterns and fountains.
- Crews have completed the installation of pavers and curb stones in and around the House Carriageway sufficient to allow vehicle and pedestrian access through the Carriageway.



Workers (at right) dismantle the last remaining scaffolding supports in the Congressional Auditorium. The 35-foot high ceiling is in full view. The removal of the scaffolding clears the way for placement of concrete floor panels that will support 450 theater-like seats.

- Workers completed the placement of concrete pedestal slabs around the south skylight above the Great Hall. The same work for the north skylight will begin later this week.
- Plaster work continues on the ceiling bulkheads in the south side CVC screening entrance.

Next Week – 12/11/06 – 12/15/06

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Ceiling work will continue in the East Front transition zone through the Carriageway and at the Rotunda and Gallery levels. This work will include metal stud framework and installation of ductwork, electrical and telecommunications conduit, light fixtures and other ceiling elements.
- In the Great Hall, workers are expected to begin placing concrete pedestals for the fountains at the base of the two east-side staircases. Water will slowly revolve around black granite slabs supported by the pedestals.
- Floor stone installation will continue in corridors and lobby areas near the Congressional Auditorium, near the Great Hall east steps at the upper level and inside the South Orientation Theater.
- Stonework is complete in the North Orientation Theater and millwork installation is expected to begin.
- Crews will begin assembling formwork for concrete floor slabs in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Plasterwork will continue in the south CVC entrance zone.
- Installation of kitchen equipment will continue in the Food Service Area.
- In House Expansion Space, crews will continue installing the metal framework for the ceiling of a Committee Hearing Room. Close-in inspections will continue in the lower level.
- In the Senate Expansion Space, ceiling close-in inspections will continue in the lower level while crews continue dropping ceiling panels into the ceiling grid of the Senate Recording Studio on the upper level.

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Aerial photo of the Capitol Visitor Center project site taken December 5, 2006. Masons have completed setting most of the 200,000 8-inch - square granite paving stones that cover the East Front Plaza. Historic lanterns and fountains have been reinstalled, curving seatwalls have been rebuilt, and rock-face granite now covers much of both the CVC entrance façade and the long curving walls that line the pedestrian approach ramps. Many of the pallettes of stone staged between the large Great Hall skylights (center of photo) will disappear early next year as that stone, 4,600 pieces of sandstone and marble, is installed in the East Front of the Capitol during the final stages of construction.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 12/11/06 through 12/15/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Drywall installation has begun at the Rotunda level in the East Front of the Capitol.
- In the Great Hall, workers continue installing finish elements including bronze grills over air supply openings, and bronze hand rails along the east side staircases. Workers are also assembling formwork for concrete placements in the water features at the base of the Great Hall stairs on the east side of the hall.
- Millwork wall panel installation continues in the South Orientation Theater.
- Masons continue setting stone at the upper level west lobby just outside the North Orientation Theater.
- In the Exhibition Hall, masons have completed setting marble to east side of the south Wall of Aspirations. Meanwhile, the primary steel framework for the north wall has been completed and crews have begun installing the interior steel braces that will help support the north wall's 20 tons of marble.
- Also in the Exhibition Hall, workers are installing ceiling drywall and a decorative trim around an oval ceiling alcove that is intended to mimic the existing House chamber.
- Masons continue to set stone to the exterior walls and columns along the CVC entrance zone.
- Masons continue setting stone on the walls of a new exterior elevator tower at the CVC entrance zone.
- Stone crews have begun 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.

- Workers have removed the concrete pedestal slabs that had cured last week around the south skylight above the Great Hall. The formwork has now been removed and final waterproofing will occur before the slabs are reset around the skylight.
- Plaster work continues on the ceiling bulkheads in the south side CVC screening entrance and in the large vestibule zone just west of the screening zones.

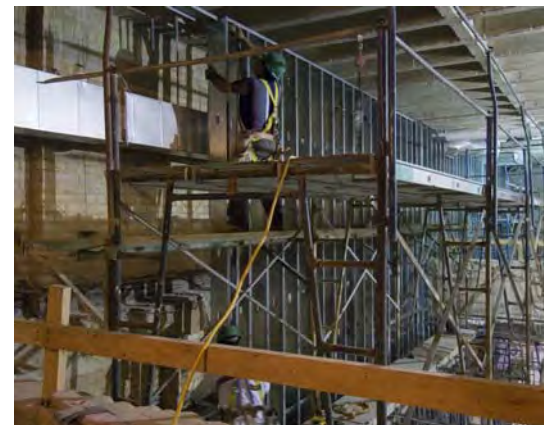


Inside the CVC's Food Service Area, carpenters install mahogany panels to a wall adjacent to the primary visitor seating zone.

Next Week – 12/18/06 – 12/22/06

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Ceiling work will continue in the East Front transition zone through the Carriageway and at the Rotunda and Gallery levels. This work will include metal stud framework and installation of drywall, ductwork, electrical and telecommunications conduit, light fixtures and other ceiling elements.
- In the Great Hall, workers are expected to complete placing concrete pedestals for the fountains at the base of the two east-side staircases. Water will slowly revolve around black granite slabs supported by the concrete pedestals.
- Floor stone installation will continue in the upper level west lobby just outside of the North Orientation Theater.
- Crews will begin assembling formwork for concrete floor slabs in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Ceiling work will continue in the north CVC entrance zone.
- Installation of kitchen equipment will continue in the Food Service Area.
- In House Expansion Space, crews will continue installing the metal framework for the ceiling of a Committee Hearing Room. Close-in inspections will continue in the lower level.
- In the Senate Expansion Space, ceiling close-in inspections will continue in the lower level while crews continue dropping ceiling panels into the ceiling grid of the Senate Recording Studio on the upper level.



A CVC worker installs metal stud framing to the east wall inside the East Front of the Capitol. The framework will support some of the 4,600 pieces of stone that will be installed in the East Front.

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In the CVC's Exhibition Hall, electricians work on the lighting elements in the ceiling of a Virtual House Theater. The theater will accommodate approximately 25-30 people and feature a continually looping film about the House of Representatives. Likewise, the Senate Virtual Theater will feature a Senate oriented film. Both theaters will include live feeds into the House and Senate Chambers when Congress is in session.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 12/18/06 through 12/22/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- In the Great Hall, workers continue installing finish elements including bronze grills over air supply openings, and bronze hand rails along the east side staircases. Workers have completed placing concrete in the water fountains at the base of the Great Hall stairs on the east side of the hall and are preparing to waterproof the concrete this week.
- Stone installation has been completed at the lower level and stairs of the North Orientation Theater and continues in the South Theater. Millwork wall panel installation continues in both theaters.
- 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 east side of the south Wall of Aspirations. The steel framework for the north wall is nearly complete and crews are expected to begin installing marble later this week. Work on the ceiling of the virtual House Theater continues with the installation of lighting elements in the ceiling soffits.
- Drywall installation continues at the Rotunda level in the East Front of the Capitol and will begin late this week in the ceiling of the transition zone the runs through the Carriageway below the East Front center steps
- Masons continue to set stone to the exterior walls and columns along the CVC entrance zone.
- 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.
- Crews continue to assemble formwork in the water fountain feature around the north skylight above the Great Hall.

- Plaster work continues on the ceiling bulkheads in the south side CVC screening entrance and in the large vestibule zone just west of the screening zones.
- Historic preservation contractors continue work to restoration the historic lanterns (see photo below) and seatwalls.



A worker applies grout to a joint between two of the granite blocks that make up one of six historic lanterns on the East Front Plaza.

Next Week – 12/25/06 – 12/29/06

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Ceiling work will continue in the East Front transition zone with the installation of drywall above the main stairs and escalator paths.
- In the Great Hall, workers are expected to apply a waterproofing membrane on the water fountain features and begin installing finish stone by late next week.
- Floor stone installation will continue in the upper level west lobby outside of 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.
- In House Expansion Space, crews will continue installing the metal framework for the ceiling of a Committee Hearing Room and prepare the walls for the installation of stone. Close-in inspections will continue in the lower level.
- In the Senate Expansion Space, ceiling close-in inspections will continue in the lower level while crews continue dropping ceiling panels into the ceiling grid of the Senate Recording Studio on the upper level.

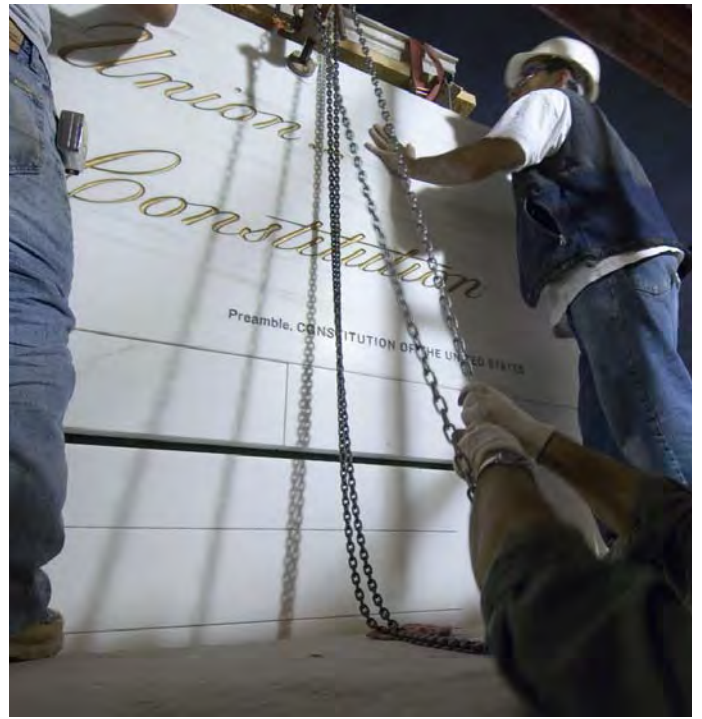


The kitchen of the CVC's new dining facility has been cleared and cleaned and is ready to receive kitchen equipment including, stoves, grills, dishwashers, sinks and other food service elements.

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Clockwise from right: In the CVC Exhibition Hall, masons set a piece of engraved marble to the “Wall of Aspirations”; a mason sets paving stones around one of the Tulip Poplar trees that have been planted along a walkway leading to the CVC entrance; workers install bronze grills in front of an air duct opening in the Great Hall; a circular window, or oculus, has been installed in the CVC roof deck to illuminate a portion of the area below that lies between the CVC’s north and south entrances; a crew places concrete inside a water fountain at the base of the south stair inside the Great Hall.





Clockwise from above: Workers position a curving steel beam into place in a stairwell atrium in Senate Expansion Space; a nearly completed corridor in House Expansion Space; along the face of the CVC's north entrance zone, a mason applies grout between the joint of two blocks of granite. The granite is quarried in Culpeper, Virginia, and is intended to match the perimeter walls around Capitol Square that were designed by Frederick Law Olmsted in 1874; a block of granite is lowered into place near one of two new elevator towers on the East Front Plaza. The elevators will bring people down approximately 18 feet from the Plaza to the CVC entrance level.

