

Weekly Construction Update

Apr 14 – 18, 2014



Minnesota State Capitol Restoration Project

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What's Happening on Site this Week?

Exterior

- North Wing: Stone repairs continue on east façade. Installation continues on west façade to accommodate stone repairs.
- East Wing: Stone repairs continue on east façade.
- West Wing: Field measuring stone continues on west façade.

Interior

- Basement: Foundation underpinning continues.
- Basement: Concrete slab removal and lead paint abatement continues.
- Investigation continues of locations for new mechanical system shafts on the upper levels.

Anticipated Noise and Disturbances

Exterior

- Expect noise, vibration, and workers in view wherever there is scaffolding. This includes the East Wing east and north façades, and the North Wing east and north façades.
- North Wing: Workers in view and minor noise during scaffolding installation on the west façade.

Interior

- Basement: Slab removal and underpinning will increase vibration and noise.
- Basement: The temporary corridors will continue to be reconfigured as necessary to accommodate work areas.

Site Logistics – Getting Around the Capitol

- The basement is undergoing major construction. The temporary corridors will slightly reconfigure from day-to-day to accommodate work areas. Signage will guide you through the corridors.
- Access to the Rathskeller from the tunnel system has been reconfigured. The old hallway access has reopened.
- The two basement stairways leading to the ground level are no longer available. Please use the elevators or take Rathskeller stairs.
- We apologize for any inconveniences during this historic restoration project.
- You may want plan for a few extra minutes to get to your location(s).

Looking Ahead – Three Weeks Out

Exterior

- West Wing: Scaffolding installation on the north façade installed over the next week.

Interior

- Basement: Mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) underslab installation will continue.
- Basement: Underpinning and slab removal continues.
- Over Spring Break: Photos will be taken by JE Dunn of Ground through 3rd floors to document existing conditions prior to restoration.

Project Milestones

- French door restoration work in Senate, House and Judicial retiring rooms completed.

Featured Notice

Capitol tunnel will be closed evenings, April 14 - 18, from 9 pm - 6 am for asbestos abatement.

Images of the Week

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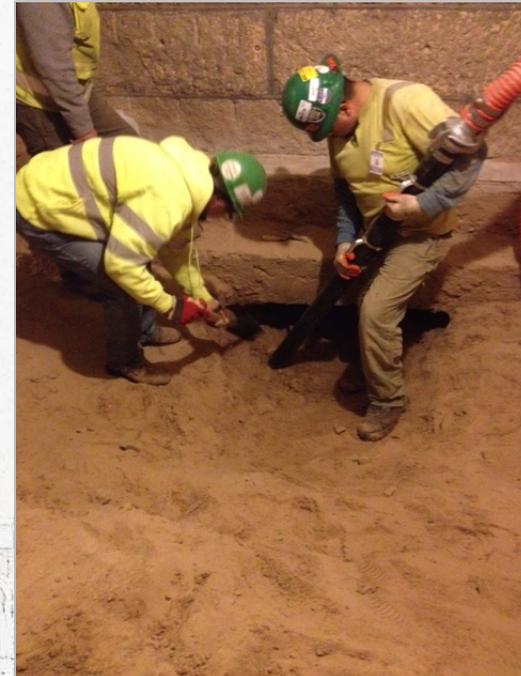


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Each capital installed in the building is unique based on the artisan who carved the stone in 1905. To recreate these pieces, replicas are made of clay (like the one above), and then modern artisans use them as templates while carving new marble.



Workers concentrate on underpinning the basement of the Capitol. This process strengthens the foundation of the building.

Questions or Comments?

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