

Weekly Construction Update

May 12 – 16, 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.
- East Wing: Stone repairs continue on east façade.
- West Wing: Design team to analyze and document existing marble for repair.

Interior

- Basement: Concrete slab removal and foundation underpinning continues.
- Basement: Miscellaneous asbestos removal continues this week.
- Basement: Mechanical, electrical, plumbing installation continues where concrete slabs have been removed.
- 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.

Interior

- Basement: Slab removal and underpinning will increase vibration and noise.
- Basement: The temporary corridors will continue to reconfigure 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.
- The two basement stairways leading to the ground level are no longer available. Please use the elevators or take Rathskeller stairs.
- An audio recording helps blind and low-vision visitors navigate the Capitol tunnel as they enter the Capitol basement from the State Office Building ramp.
- 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

- Architects will begin to analyze the stone on the building's entire south façade to help create construction documents for upcoming repair.
- Fencing will be installed around Lot N and Aurora Avenue.

Interior

- Basement: Mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) underslab installation will continue.
- Basement: Underpinning and slab removal continues.

Project Milestones

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

Featured Notice

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Images of the Week

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This is a pilaster capital that has been laser cut by a machine. Additional details will be hand-carved by an artisan, and then the piece will be installed on the East Wing, north façade.



The red swing stages are ready for the design team to board and examine the condition of the building's marble.

Questions or Comments?

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