History and technology are coming together to restore an icon as art conservators and historic preservation architects work alongside masonry workers and welders. Here’s a look at how crews from across the nation are working to restore our National Historic Landmark.

Upcoming Work

1. Construction on the temporary lobby is wrapping up. Painted walls now cover the scaffolding frame and duct work has created a cool refuge from the late summer heat. A uniquely-shaped window provides a peek into the Rotunda for a glimpse of our historic mosaics and a behind-the-scenes look at some of the work in progress.

2. With stair towers and scaffolding climbing the building, masonry work is underway. In addition to repairing cracked and chipped limestone on the face of Union Terminal, skilled masons will be disassembling the drum wall on the back side of the dome. The work will include carefully removing each brick, cataloging its location and condition and storing it to rebuild the wall next spring.

3. The expansion of Westheimer Hall II, part of our special exhibits gallery, is nearing completion as crews install final finishes in a former meeting space on the lower level, allowing for more and larger traveling exhibits in the future. Once the expansion is complete, Cincinnati Museum Center’s exhibits team will begin transforming the gallery space for our next blockbuster exhibition, coming this fall.

4. Demolition of office spaces is beginning in mid-September to make way for updated mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems that will make Union Terminal more efficient to operate. Those office spaces will be redesigned in a more thoughtful manner to encourage collaboration among CMC teams.

If you’d like to receive email updates or want more information about the repair and restoration of Union Terminal, visit www.myunionterminal.com.