

Capitol Hill Wayfinding Guide for Usability

Introduction

The *Capitol Hill Wayfinding Guide for Usability* includes detailed exterior and interior wayfinding information for the three main Capitol Hill buildings, a guide to the preferred paths along Capitol Hill streets, and the available public transportation options for travel to Capitol Hill.

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James “Sloppy” Floyd Veterans Memorial Building

Sloppy Floyd Building Wayfinding Information

A. Birds-eye view and general information

1. This building is an example of modern architecture which can best be described as a 4- level building connecting two twenty-floor towers with restricted access (East Tower and West Tower). The

central 4-level module is also connected only on the fourth floor to the adjacent MARTA Georgia State University rail station building. Floors 1 and 2 are below ground level when approaching the building from the south in order to use the primary entrance, which is at ground level into the third (plaza) level. The second level is taken up almost entirely by a food court area and service areas related to the food court, reached by the stairway and escalators directly north of the main entry door; this stairway and set of escalators run north and south. Two sets of escalators running east and west along the north wall of both the third and fourth levels provide access between the third and fourth floors. There is no public access to the first floor.

2. Pedestrian pathways are shaped like an oval on the inside shoreline of both the third and fourth floors, with the long axis of the oval extending east and west. Security/ information desks sit at the eastern and western ends of the oval pedestrian pathway on the third floor; these are the access points for the East and West Towers. The north outside shoreline of these pathways on the third and fourth floors is a straight line running east and west, containing the two sets of escalators noted above; restrooms, elevators, and stairs are found at the extreme eastern and western ends of these pathways. More details useful to navigating these floors is noted below in the “Hallways” section of this wayfinding guide.
3. The pedestrian pathways for the second floor are capital-T-shaped, considering the stairway/ escalators down from the third floor to be the the bottom bar of the T. More detail useful to navigating this floor is noted below in the “Hallways” section of this wayfinding guide.
4. For ease of navigation, the north/south central stairway and escalators should be considered the primary reference point for the second floor; the main building entrance and all three sets of escalators should be considered the primary reference points for the third floor, and the two (western and eastern) east/west-oriented sets of escalators should be considered primary reference points for the fourth floor.
5. Visitors may also request directions at the third floor security/ information desks described above.

B. Public entry points

1. Visitors may enter the building on the 4th floor from the Georgia State University MARTA rail station’s platforms, by going up the stairs or escalators adjacent to the western rail station fare gates and entering the Sloppy Floyd building through upper level fare gates into the lobby that connects the two buildings.
2. The main entrance to the building is in the interior of the city block on which the building sits, facing south, approximately ½ half block south of Martin Luther King Dr. SE and ½ block east of Piedmont Avenue SE. A paved covered walkway approximately 300 feet long enters the property at an approximately 45 degree angle from Piedmont Avenue SE. The entrance to this walkway is approximately 40 feet south of Piedmont’s intersection with Martin Luther King Dr. It curves gently to the right, becoming parallel with Martin Luther King in the interior of the property after approximately 200 feet; at this point, visitors must make a 90-degree turn to the left (north) at an intersecting walkway in order to walk the remaining 100 feet to the building’s main entrance. Brick

columns line the edges of both walkways on both the left and right sides. Long cane users may find it useful to trail the left side of the first curving walkway in order to find the second walkway that leads to the building, in spite of these brick columns and the seating areas placed between them as one gets closer to the walkway north into the building.

C. Hallways: these are described in general in the “bird’s eye view” section above

1. Third floor: Also called the Plaza Level, this is the main floor of the building.
 - a. Many visitors will find the three sets of escalators in the building to be the most effective points of reference for orientation and wayfinding.
 - b. Visitors walking straight ahead from the main entrance traverse a carpeted area which extends from the entry doorway north to the far end of the central set of escalators and stairs. In the exact center of this carpeted area sits a set of escalators and stairs. The east (right) escalator goes down to the 2nd floor, the west (left) escalator comes up from the second floor, and a stairway between floors 3 and 2 sits between the escalators. Alongside this set of escalators and stairs, on either side, carpeted pathways are bounded on the inside by waist-high walls surrounding the escalators and stairs and on the outside by railings which prevent walkers from stepping into open spaces between the third and second floors. Visitors may reach the escalators between the third and fourth floors by continuing north in a straight line along either of these carpeted pathways, then proceeding north across wooden flooring until a railing blocks further travel north, at which point the walker has arrived at the entry point for either set of escalators. The left (western) set of escalators take the traveler near the 4th floor alcove containing the entrance to the Georgia State University MARTA station. The right (eastern) set of escalators take the traveler near the fourth floor alcove containing the employee entrances to the Governor’s Office of Consumer Protection (room 486).
 - c. The oval-shaped inside shoreline of the primary 3rd floor pedestrian pathway is created in places by carpet and in places by railings which prevent pedestrians from stepping into open spaces between the third and second floors; this shoreline may be reached by turning either right or left at the entry doorway, walking to the end of the carpeting, then trailing the carpet edge to the inside boundary, or by walking north alongside the central stairway and escalators until the carpeting ends and the northern two sets of escalators are heard, then turning left or right to locate the inside shoreline.
 - d. The outside shoreline on the north side of the east/west oriented oval is a straight walkway oriented east/west. Two sets of escalators (an east set and a west set) up and down to the fourth floor are located near the center of what is effectively the north wall of the building, with approximately 20 feet between them. Elevators and stairwells are located on the outside (north) wall at both ends of this walkway.
 - e. The south outside shoreline of the 3rd floor runs east and west along almost-imperceptibly curving walls to narrow hallway extensions to the south, which contain restrooms and water fountains.

2. Fourth floor: this is the level of the building through which the Georgia State University MARTA rail station may be accessed
 - a. Many visitors will find the two sets of escalators along the north wall of the building, along with the snack bar and vending area at the west end of the oval inside shoreline to be the most effective points of reference for fourth floor orientation and wayfinding.
 - b. The outside shoreline on the north side of the east/west oriented oval is a straight walkway oriented east/west. Two sets of escalators (an east set and a west set) down to the third floor and up to the fourth are located near the center of what is effectively the north wall of the building, with approximately 20 feet between them. Elevators and stairwells are located on the outside (north) wall at both ends of this walkway. Restrooms are located in narrow, carpeted north extension hallways halfway between these elevators and stairwells and the alcoves described in the next item below.
 - c. Visitors reaching the fourth floor by either of the two sets of escalators located along the north wall of the building exit these escalators near alcoves set into the north wall. The alcove to the west of the western set of escalators, reached by trailing the right (north) wall forward around a curved corner to the right, contains the 4-door entryway into the Georgia State University MARTA rail station lobby. The floor is currently carpeted from the western edge of the MARTA rail station alcove to the eastern edge of the Consumer Protection (room 486) alcove.
 - d. The oval-shaped inside shoreline of the primary 4th floor pedestrian pathway is created in places by railings and in places by the outer walls of rooms located at the eastern and western ends of the oval. Three quarters of the walking surface of the oval pedestrian pathway is covered by wooden flooring; the one quarter of the walking surface covered by carpeting is the central area of the north side of the oval which contains the MARTA and Consumer Protection (room 486) alcoves and the two sets of escalators running between the 3rd and 4th floors. The inner shoreline of the oval may be safely and effectively located by turning toward it at any point in the building.
 - e. The south outside shoreline of the 4th floor runs east and west along almost-imperceptibly curving walls. A seating area with floor to ceiling windows runs along the south wall. There is no discernible tactual boundary between the pedestrian pathway and this seating area. Two hard-to-locate stairwells down to the 3rd floor are contained in this seating area; they are notable for waist-high boundary walls, are located across from the juncture of wall and railing on the inside shoreline at each end of the southern edge of the oval, and are open only on the southern side. These stairways lead to the outdoor plaza level on either side of the building main entry doors but contain head-high obstacles at that level.
3. Second floor (food court)
 - a. Upon reaching the second floor, walkers must locate a narrow uncarpeted pathway to the south, adjacent to the eastern edge of the “down” escalator, to enter the food court. Seating areas for the food court, identifiable because they are carpeted, are adjacent to the stairway and escalators on both the eastern and western side. Hallways to the east and west from the

stairway and escalators are created by carpet when walking past these seating areas; these hallways for the top bar of the capital-T-shape. More detail useful to navigating this floor is noted below in the “Hallways” section of this wayfinding guide.

- D. Escalators, stairs, and elevators for public use are described in the “bird’s-eye view” and “hallway” sections above. There are square alcoves containing employee-only elevators and turnstiles on the 4th floor on the outside shoreline at the eastern and western ends of the oval pedestrian walkway.
- E. Public restrooms: there are two sets of elevators on each floor. There is notable lack of floor to floor consistency for restroom locations. Detailed, straight-forward walking paths from major orientation points, floor by floor, are below.
 - 1. Second floor
 - a. From the escalators or stairwell that are the main entry point to the floor, turn left (west) and walk along the left (south) shoreline formed by the carpeted seating area. At the end of the carpet, beware the head-level obstacle for tall people. The first door on the left is the Capitol Room private dining room entrance, followed in sequence by the women’s room, a water fountain, then the men’s room.
 - b. From the escalators or stairwell that are the main entry point to the floor, turn right (east) and walk along the right (south) shoreline formed by the carpeted seating area. Past the end of the carpet, the first door on the left is the women’s room, followed in sequence by a water fountain, then the men’s room.
 - 2. Third floor
 - a. From the entry doors to the building, turn left and follow the slightly curving south wall of the building westward to a narrow hallway extension running south. In sequence along the right (west) wall, the walker will find the women’s room, a water fountain, and the men’s room.
 - b. From the entry doors to the building, turn right and follow the slightly curving south wall of the building westward to a narrow hallway extension running south. In sequence along the left (east) wall, the walker will find the women’s room, a water fountain, and the men’s room.
 - 3. Fourth floor
 - a. From the eastern set of escalators along the building’s north wall, walk east to the end of the carpet, turn left (north) and follow the carpet to the building’s north wall, then trail the left (north) wall of the building to a narrow, carpeted hallway extension to the left (north). Trail the right (east) side of this carpeted hallway to find the women’s room, then a water fountain, then the men’s room.
 - b. From the western set of escalators along the building’s north wall, walk west to the end of the carpet, turn right (north) and follow the carpet to the building’s north wall, then trail the right (north) wall of the building to a narrow, carpeted hallway extension to the right (north). Trail the left (west) side of this carpeted hallway to find the women’s room, then a water fountain, then the men’s room.

- F. Room numbering system: given the inconsistencies in the sequence of the building's room numbers, many visitors will find it helpful to use the building's escalators as primary reference points for orientation.
1. General description
 2. Second floor
 - a. There are no numbered rooms of significance to the public on the 2nd floor
 3. Third floor: few rooms on this floor are numbered. Specific paths to them are below.
 - a. To find rooms 315 and 306, in sequence, walk left (west) along the south (left) wall from the building entrance
 - b. To find room 356, walk right (east) along the south (right) wall from the building entrance
 - c. For all other third floor rooms, please inquire at the security/information desks at the east and west ends of the oval pedestrian pathways for the floor. They will be in restricted areas. To walk to either security/information desk, find either the eastern or western set of escalators along the building's north wall, then walk along the building's north wall to the elevator, cross the narrow hallway to the wall across the hallway from the elevator, then trail that wall back in the direction of the escalator until a railing can be trailed across a carpeted section of flooring. After following the railing across a set of 5 turnstiles, making a turn to follow the railing, then crossing 1 more turnstile, the walker will find him or herself at the desk.
 4. Fourth floor: few rooms on this floor have numbers. There are small groups of rooms with numbers in sequence clustered together in some locations around the floor, but the clusters are not sequenced in a meaningful way.
 - a. Rooms 420, 422, and 426 can be found north of the western restrooms described above.
 - b. Room 456 can be found by traveling to the east end of the oval pedestrian walkway, locating the square alcove containing employee-only elevators and turnstiles, the walking south along the outside wall of the building.
 - c. Rooms 460 and 466 are located on the inside shoreline of the eastern tip of the oval pedestrian walkway. 460 is located precisely at the tip of the oval. 466 is the next room counter-clockwise around the inside shoreline of the oval from 460.
 - d. The doorway to room 472 is located in the far eastern end of the hallway stretching east from the eastern set of escalators along the building's north wall.
 - e. The doorway to room 486 (employee entrance to Governor's Office of Consumer Protection) is in the alcove east of the eastern set of escalator's along the building's north wall.

Georgia State Capitol Building

Capitol Building wayfinding information

A. Birds-eye view and general information

1. The general layout of the building can best be described as a central square surrounded by 4 rectangles. The building's golden dome sits atop the central square, one level above the 4th floor. The rotunda sits in the center of the central square on the 2nd floor. The western rectangle that shares a hallway with the square of hallways around the rotunda and atria contains offices for the Governor and the Secretary of State on the 2nd floor, the House of Representatives Chamber on the 3rd floor and the House Gallery on the 4th floor. The eastern rectangle sharing a hallway with the square of hallways around the rotunda and atria contains offices for the Lieutenant Governor and the Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee on the 2nd floor, the Senate Chamber on the 3rd floor, and the Senate Gallery on the 4th floor. The northern rectangle that shares a hallway with the four hallways around the rotunda and atria contains various government offices and an inaccessible entrance to the building comprised of a set of outdoor and indoor stairs equivalent to walking from ground level to the second floor of the building. All visitors must go through a security checkpoint that includes a metal detector. The southern rectangle that shares a hallway with the four hallways around the rotunda and atria contains various government offices and an inaccessible entrance to the building comprised of a set of outdoor and indoor stairs equivalent to walking from ground level to the second floor of the building. The southern rectangle also contains a first-floor accessible entrance reached by walking up to the first landing above sidewalk level of the outdoor entry stairs on the south side of the building, turning left to walk west of the outdoor entry stairs, then taking the paved walkway right (north) to the building entrance leading to a 1st-floor security checkpoint that includes a metal detector. Second floor atria (north and south rectangles) are notable for support columns regularly spaced along the inside perimeter of pedestrian pathways, which cannot properly be called hallways because the atria are open areas.
2. Doorways are easy to locate. Each room in the building is entered through a brown wooden door set into a brown wooden doorframe that is attached to a smooth white or light-colored wall. The depth from the front of each doorframe to the wall itself is one inch or more, making it easily located by hand or long cane trailing, as well as being useful to walkers with low vision.

B. Accessible entry point

1. The accessible security entrance on floor 1, reached as described in the birds-eye view section, is located next to room 113, and will be the point of entrance for most visitors to the Capitol. The floor is carpeted from the entry door past the security station.

- ### C. Elevators: Access to the offices of the Governor, Secretary of State, Lieutenant Governor, and Senate Chair of the Appropriations Committee on the 2nd floor is most easily accomplished by using elevators

to travel to that floor, because of their proximity to these primary points of interest. The same is true of the House Chamber and Senate Chamber on the 3rd floor, and the House Gallery and Senate Gallery on the 4th floor.

1. There are two elevator locations in the building.
 - a. The bank of two elevators located closest to the Governor's office and Secretary of State's office on the 2nd floor, the House Chamber on the third floor, and the House Gallery on the 4th floor can most easily be reached by trailing the left wall continuously after leaving the security station on the first floor. After leaving the security station, the walker will turn left at an outside corner, then right at an inside corner, then cross the opening to the flag display alcove, then turn right at an inside corner, followed by a final left turn at an outside corner. The elevators are on the walker's left immediately after this final left turn. In reference to the bird's-eye view above, these elevators are at the southwest corner of the north atrium (north rectangle) on the outside (western) wall.
 - b. The single elevator located closest to the Lieutenant Governor's office and the office of the Senate Chair of the Appropriations Committee on the 2nd floor, the Senate Chamber on the 3rd floor, and the Senate Gallery on the 4th floor can most easily be reached by the following path: after leaving the security station, the walker should trail the right wall, then take the first right turn. After a few paces, switch to the left wall and trail to an outside left turn. Next, make an inside right turn, followed immediately by a left outside turn. The elevators are on the walkers left immediately after this final left turn. In reference to the bird's-eye view above, these elevators are located directly across from the office of the Senate Chair of the Appropriations Committee.

D. Hallways

1. On floors 2, 3, and 4, the building contains 7 hallways laid out like 2 rectangles interconnected to a larger central square. One rectangle sits at the north side of the building and the other at the south side of the building. The hallways that form the longer sides of the rectangles run north and south. The hallways that the rectangles share with the larger central square run east and west. The four hallways that form the central square surround the rotunda underneath the capitol's golden dome on the second floor, and the open central atria beneath the dome on the third and fourth floors. This floor plan is complete as described here on all floors of the capitol except for the first floor, where only the western-most long sides of the rectangles, running north and south, exist. In addition, on the first floor the southern hallway of the central square of hallways is not straight: halfway along it, a U-shaped path takes walkers around a rectangular suite of rooms that has been built out into the original wide hallway.
2. Floor 2 is the only floor with both the complete hallway system described above and a room numbering system in unbroken sequence. Floors 3 and 4 contain the complete hallway system but have room numbering systems that are not completely in sequence. Floor 1 contains only the western hallways from the north and south rectangles described above. These run continuously

with the western hallway of the the central square as described above. The room numbering system is described below.

E. Room numbering system

1. Floor 2 is the only floor with both the complete hallway system described above and a room numbering system in unbroken sequence. As the main floor, it should be taken as the general pattern for the building. On each floor the room numbering system begins near the northwest corner of the hallway system, but not precisely in the same location on each floor. Floor by floor descriptions, including breaks in sequence, are listed below. Many people may find the easiest way to navigate this building to be understanding the locations (from the building's 4th floor down to the 3rd floor) of the House and Senate Galleries and Chambers) as described in the bird's eye view above, realizing that the Governor's and Secretary of State's offices are in the west rectangle beneath the House Chamber, and the Lieutenant Governor's and Senate Chair of Appropriations offices are beneath the Senate Chamber, and requesting directions to other locations in the building by reference to these primary points of interest.
2. First floor
 - a. The accessible security entrance on floor 1, reached as described in the birds-eye view section, is located next to room 113, and will be the point of entrance for most visitors to the Capitol. The floor is carpeted from the entry door past the security station. Room 100 is at the far end of this entry hallway, which jogs left then back right before continuing north to the northwest corner of the building. Vending machines are located in an unnumbered room along the right wall after crossing an intersecting hallway, after which hallway jogs to the left at an inside corner.
 - b. The primary points of reference for this hallway might sensibly be the elevators, located by the paths described above.
 - c. North of the double elevators, room numbers begin with room 100 in the northwest corner. Room numbers run counter-clockwise throughout the first floor from that point. Rooms 100 and 107 are north of the double elevators. Rooms 108, 109, 110, 111, 113, are south of the double elevators on the outside (western) wall. Rooms 121, and 122 are south of the double elevators in the security checkpoint area. Rooms 123, 125, and 127 are on the outside (southern, then eastern) walls on the path to the single elevator.
 - d. Room 131 is directly across the hallway from the single elevator on the outside (eastern) wall. Rooms 132, 132C, 133 are north of this room on the outside wall in the same hallway as the single elevator. Rooms 133 and 134 are on the outside (north) wall of the north hallway of the northern rectangle, reached by turning left at an inside corner north of room 133.
3. Second floor
 - a. The Governor's office room number is 203, the Secretary of State's office room number is 214, the Lieutenant Governor's office room number is 240, and the Senate Chair of Appropriations office room number is 234.

- b. Room numbers on the second floor are continuously in sequence, starting from the northwest corner of the building and continuing counter-clockwise around the entire floor: numbering north of the Governor's office starts at 201; room numbers south of the Secretary of State's office increase to 217; 4 rooms numbered 220 through 228 stretch across the southern hallway of the southern rectangle; rooms 230, 232, and 233 are south of the Senate Chair of Appropriations' office, and rooms 243 and 245 are north of the Lieutenant Governor's office.

4. Third floor

- a. The House Chamber's room number is 326 and the Senate Chamber's room number is 328.
- b. Room numbering on the third floor starts north of the House Chamber, beginning at 305, and continues clockwise around the north rectangle (atrium) to the point just north of the Senate Chamber, ending at room 321, then skips to the House side of the central square (above the 2nd floor rotunda, under the dome above the 4th level) to the House Chamber, then back to the Senate Chamber. 329 is across the hallway from the Senate Chamber. 332 is at the northwest corner of the southern rectangle (southern atrium), from which numbering is in sequence counter-clockwise (332, 336, 337, 338, 340, 341, 342, 350, 351, 352, 353, 355) to the room immediately south of and immediately adjacent to the Senate Chamber.

5. Fourth floor

- a. The House Gallery's room number is 425. The Senate Gallery has no visible room number.
- b. Room numbering on the fourth floor starts north of the House Gallery, beginning at 401 in the northwest corner of the building, and continues counter-clockwise all around the outer walls of the building, with breaks in sequence. 401, 402, and 403 are north of the House Gallery, the House Gallery is room 425, followed by room 415 to the south. Continuing counterclockwise around the building, the walker encounters rooms 416, 417, 420, and 421 along the southernmost hallway of the southern atrium (southern rectangle). After turning left (north), the walker encounters rooms 450, 451, 452, 453, the Senate Gallery (unnumbered), then rooms 432 and 434; room 434 has 3 separate entry doors. After turning left (west) at the northwest corner of the building, the walker finds rooms 435 and 436 before ending at room 401.

F. Stairs

- a. Public access to stairs from the first floor to the second floor is blocked.
- b. Stairs from the second floor to the third floor run north from the center of the north atrium (north rectangle), as well as south from the center of the south atrium (south rectangle). The first flights of these wide, grand staircases end at large landings which provide access to the third floor after a 90-degree turn either to the right to go up to the Senate Chamber area or a 90-degree turn to the left to go up to the House Chamber area.
- c. Four sets of stairs run between the third and fourth floors of the Capitol. These stairways are located in the northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest corners of the north atrium (north rectangle) and south atrium (south rectangle).

G. Public restrooms

1. First floor
 - a. There is one men's room and one women's room on the 1st floor.
 - b. From the single elevator located at the southeast corner of the big square of hallways underneath the Capitol dome, walk north, turn left at the first hallway. The men's room is to the left at the end of this hallway. The women's room is to the right at the end of this hallway.
2. Second floor
 - a. There are no public restrooms on the 2nd floor.
3. Third floor
 - a. There is one women's room and one men's room on the 3rd floor.
 - b. The women's room is located at the southeast corner of the southern atrium (southern rectangle). This restroom can most easily be found by walking to the staircase in that corner, then reversing direction back to the first door on the left. The men's room is located at the southwest corner of the southern atrium (southern rectangle). This restroom can most easily be found by walking to the staircase in that corner, then reversing direction back to the first door on the right.
4. Fourth floor
 - a. There is one men's room on the 4th floor. There is no women's room on the 4th floor.
 - b. This restroom can most easily be found by locating the double elevators on the 4th floor, then walking south a few paces and turning right (west) around an outside corner.

Legislative Office Building

Legislative Office Building wayfinding information

A. Birds-eye view and general information

1. The building's layout can be described as a 6-floor building composed of 4 hallways with rooms on either side on each floor, arranged in a square around a large central courtyard open to the sky. The public entry door on the north side of the building is reached via an external stairwell from ground level, providing ingress and egress through a security checkpoint on the 2nd floor adjacent to this door. Easiest access to floors 3 through 6 is provided through the main building elevators located a few steps south of the security checkpoint. There is no public access to floors 1 and 2.
2. Third floor general description: two large committee rooms, one small committee room, the Lieutenant Governor's office, and numerous Senatorial offices are on the third floor
3. Fourth floor general description: one large committee room, one medium sized committee room, one small committee room, and numerous Representatives' offices are on the fourth floor
4. Fifth floor general description: one large committee room, one medium sized committee room, one small committee room, and numerous Representatives' offices are on the fifth floor
6. Sixth floor description: one large committee room, one small committee room, and numerous Representatives' offices are on the sixth floor
7. The hallways that intersect at the southwest corner of the building enter a lobby which from which only employees with state key cards may exit without leaving the building by going down the stairs. The intercom for requesting help for exiting this lobby is located on south wall of the southeast corner of this lobby; this intercom system will be behind the door on the eastern wall of the southeast corner when that door is open. There is a sound emitter producing a low volume beeping noise at each door into this lobby.
8. Sound emitters such as those described above are present at the doors to the stairwells nearest the main elevator bank.
9. Doorways are generally easy to locate, typically being set into marble doorframes that stand in relief from the wall surface approximately one inch. These doorframes contrast in color with the lighter-colored wall surfaces.

B. Public entry/ exit point

1. The public enters and exits this building through only one entrance. This is the center entrance of the three outdoor sets of steps leading up the 2nd floor entrances on the front (north) side of the building, which faces Capitol Square SW. When approached from the west (from the intersection of Washington Street SW and Capitol Square SW), visitors pass over two sets of metal grates set into the center of the sidewalk before reaching this entrance.

C. Elevators:

1. There are three elevator locations in the building.
 - a. Visitors will enter building floors 3, 4, 5, and 6 through the main double set of elevators located a few steps south of the security checkpoint at the building's public entrance. On all floors, this double set of elevators is located in an alcove on the south wall, exactly halfway from the eastern and western ends of the northern east/west hallway of the building.
 - b. A single elevator sits in the south wall at the east end of the same hallway as the main elevators. From the double elevators, walk forward along the right wall of the elevator alcove, turn right into the hallway, and walk to the east end of the hallway, finding the elevator on the just before you reaching the corner.
 - c. A single elevator is located in the lobby located in the southwest corner of the building, at the intersection of the southern east/west hallway and the western north/south hallway. As described above, a sound emitter at each entrance to this lobby signals that walkers who are not state employees cannot exit this lobby back into the building's hallway system without assistance from an employee.

D. Hallways and room numbers: the hallways are laid out like a square on each floor. All floors except 6 have two hallways in which a room wider than the rest causes visitors to turn right then immediately left in order to continue to the end of those hallways. Sixth floor hallways contain only one such situation.

1. Third floor: Rooms numbers generally alternate from one side to the other of the hallways, beginning across from the main elevator, with only occasional breaks in sequence. Numbers increase counter-clockwise around the building, picking up where they left off after the employee-only lobby in the southwest corner, and ending at the main elevator.
 - a. Northern east/west hallway, eastern half: Room 301 is directly across the hallway from the elevator. To pass by rooms numbered in ascending order to room 314 in the southern east/west hallway, follow the right wall of the elevator alcove, then turn right and trail right (east) past a stairwell, the men's room, the women's room, a utility room, a second elevator, and an additional doorway. Turning right here places one in the eastern north/south hallway.
 - b. Eastern north/south hallway: This hallway extends north past the hallway containing the main elevators. Room 302B and 303A can be found by turning left into this extension. Rooms 303 through 312 can be found by turning right and walking south. The first right turn ahead is not the end of the hallway, but is followed by an immediate left which places the walker in from of room 307, which is a large committee room located on left wall. South past 307, room 312 is on the right and the main door to room 310, another large committee room, is in an alcove on the left. At the hallway's southern end, a second doorway into the large committee room (310) is on the left; this entrance to the room is adjacent to to the large table at which committee members will sit. Turning right here places one in the southern east/west hallway.

- c. Southern east/west hallway: This is a straight hallway with no turns before the end. Room numbers start at 311 and end at 314B. Restrooms are at the west end on the right (north) side of the hallway, men's room then women's room. A sound emitter in the door at the west end of the hallway marks the above-discussed elevator lobby that only state employees can exit back into the hallway.
 - d. Western north/south hallway: Picking up with room numbers by continuing in a counter-clockwise direction, numbering starts at the southern end of this hallway with room 318, a conference room on the outside (west) wall, and increases to 325 (Senators' offices) at the northern end. Room 322, on the outside (west) wall, is the Lieutenant Governor's office. At the northern end, a 90-degree right turn followed by an immediate left turn, then by another right turn, places the walker in the western half of the northern east/west hallway, headed back toward the main set of elevators.
 - e. Northern east/west hallway, western half: rooms alternate back and forth across the hallway from 326 on the right and 327 on the left, ending at 328 adjacent to the main set of elevators.
2. Fourth floor: Rooms numbers generally alternate from one side to the other of the hallways, beginning across from the main elevator, with only occasional breaks in sequence. Numbers increase counter-clockwise around the building, picking up where they left off after the employee-only lobby in the southwest corner, and ending at the main elevator.
- a. Northern east/west hallway, eastern half: Room 401 is directly across the hallway from the elevator. Room 402 is along the same wall at the eastern end of this hallway. To pass by rooms numbered in ascending order to room 409 in the southern east/west hallway, follow the right wall of the elevator alcove, then turn right and trail right (east) past a stairwell, the men's room, the women's room, a utility room, a second elevator, and an additional doorway. Turning right here places one in the eastern north/south hallway.
 - b. Eastern north/south hallway: Rooms 404 through 407 can be found by turning right and walking south. The first right turn ahead is not the end of the hallway, but is followed by an immediate left which places the walker in front of room 406, which is a large committee room located on left wall. Walking south to room 407 (Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment) completes this hallway. Turning right here places one in the southern east/west hallway.
 - c. Southern east/west hallway: This is a straight hallway with no turns before the end. Room numbers start at 408 and end at 409. Restrooms are at the west end on the right (north) side of the hallway, men's room then women's room. A sound emitter in the door at the west end of the hallway marks the above-discussed elevator lobby that only state employees can exit back into the hallway.
 - d. Western north/south hallway: Picking up with room numbers by continuing in a counter-clockwise direction, numbering starts at the southern end of this hallway with room 410, a small committee room on the outside (west) wall, and increases to 412 (House Budget Office) on the outside (west) wall, halfway down the hallway. At the northern end, a 90-degree right turn followed by an immediate left turn, then by another right turn, places the walker in the western half of the northern east/west hallway, headed back toward the main set of elevators.

- e. Northern east/west hallway, western half: the doorway to room 415 (medium sized committee room) is set into the western end of the hallway. Room 414 (the House Post office) is the only room on the right (southern) wall as one heads towards the main set of elevators from room 415.
3. Fifth floor: Rooms numbers generally alternate from one side to the other of the hallways, beginning across from the main elevator, with only occasional breaks in sequence. Numbers increase counter-clockwise around the building, picking up where they left off after the employee-only lobby in the southwest corner, and ending at the main elevator.
 - a. Northern east/west hallway, eastern half: Room 501 is directly across the hallway from the elevator. Room 502 is along the same wall at the eastern end of this hallway. To pass by rooms numbered in ascending order to room 509 in the southern east/west hallway, follow the right wall of the elevator alcove, then turn right and trail right (east) past a stairwell, the men's room, the women's room, a utility room, a second elevator, and an additional doorway. Turning right here places one in the eastern north/south hallway.
 - b. Eastern north/south hallway: Rooms 504 through 507 can be found by turning right and walking south. The first right turn ahead is not the end of the hallway, but is followed by an immediate left which places the walker in front of room 506, which is a large committee room located on left wall. Walking south to room 507 (Representatives' offices) completes this hallway. Turning right here places one in the southern east/west hallway.
 - c. Southern east/west hallway: This is a straight hallway with no turns before the end. Room numbers start at 508 and end at 509. Restrooms are at the west end on the right (north) side of the hallway, men's room then women's room. A sound emitter in the door at the west end of the hallway marks the above-discussed elevator lobby that only state employees can exit back into the hallway.
 - d. Western north/south hallway: Picking up with room numbers by continuing in a counter-clockwise direction, numbering starts at the southern end of this hallway with room 510, a small committee room on the outside (west) wall, and increases to 512 (Representatives' offices) on the outside (west) wall, halfway down the hallway. At the northern end, a 90-degree right turn followed by an immediate left turn, then by another right turn, places the walker in the western half of the northern east/west hallway, headed back toward the main set of elevators.
 - e. Northern east/west hallway, western half: the doorway to room 515 (medium sized committee room) is set into the western end of the hallway. Room 514 (a small committee room) is the only room on the right (southern) wall as one heads towards the main set of elevators from room 515.
 4. Sixth floor: Rooms numbers generally alternate from one side to the other of the hallways, beginning across from the main elevator, with only occasional breaks up where they left off after the employee-only lobby in the southwest corner, and ending at the main elevator.
 - a. Northern east/west hallway, eastern half: Room 601 is directly across the hallway from the elevator. Room 602 is along the same wall at the eastern end of this hallway. To pass by rooms

numbered in ascending order to room 609 in the southern east/west hallway, follow the right wall of the elevator alcove, then turn right and trail right (east) past a stairwell, the men's room, the women's room, a utility room, a second elevator, and an additional doorway. Turning right here places one in the eastern north/south hallway.

- b. Eastern north/south hallway: Rooms 604 through 607 can be found by turning right and walking south. The first right turn ahead is not the end of the hallway, but is followed by an immediate left which places the walker in front of room 606, which is a large committee room located on left wall. Walking south to room 607 (Representatives' offices) completes this hallway. Turning right here places one in the southern east/west hallway.
- c. Southern east/west hallway: This is a straight hallway with no turns before the end. Room numbers start at 608 and end at 609. Restrooms are at the west end on the right (north) side of the hallway, men's room then women's room. A sound emitter in the door at the west end of the hallway marks the above-discussed elevator lobby that only state employees can exit back into the hallway.
- d. Western north/south hallway: Picking up with room numbers by continuing in a counter-clockwise direction, numbering starts at the southern end of this hallway with room 610, a small committee room on the outside (west) wall, and increases to 612 (Representatives' offices) on the outside (west) wall, halfway down the hallway. At the northern end, a 90-degree right turn followed by an immediate left turn, then by another right turn, places the walker in the western half of the northern east/west hallway, headed back toward the main set of elevators.
- e. Northern east/west hallway, western half: the doorway to room 613 (Representatives' offices) is set into the western end of the hallway. Room 614 (Representatives' offices) is the only room on the right (southern) wall as one heads towards the main set of elevators from room 613.

- E. Stairs: Sound emitters are present at both stairwells available to the public on floors 3, 4, 5, and 6, indicating that once stairwells are entered, state employee key card badges are required for re-entry into the hallway. Stairs are in the same locations on floors 3, 4, 5, and 6.
1. Trailing the right (east) wall of the alcove in the center of the south wall of the northern east/west hallway, then turning right (east) and walking to the first door on the right (south) leads one to the stairwell location closest to the front of the building.
 2. Entering the lobby at the intersection of the southern east/west hallway and the western north/south hallway, visitors will find entrances to the stairs on either side of the elevator located in the north wall of the lobby. Visitors without state employee key cards may not re-enter the hallways from whence they entered the lobby.

F. Public restrooms

1. Two sets of restrooms are available. They are consistent in location from floor to floor, floors 3 through 6.

- a. Trailing the right (east) wall of the alcove in the center of the south wall of the northern east/west hallway, then turning right (east) and walking to the second door on the right (south) leads one to the men's room location closest to the front of the building. The third door along this wall is the women's room.
 - b. Locating the western end of the southern east/west hallway, then trailing back east to the first two doors on the north (left) wall locates the other set of restrooms. Heading east from the lobby door containing the sound emitter, the first door on the left (north) wall is the women's room. The second door is the men's room.
- G. Stairway and/or lobby sound emitter status, floor by floor, Legislative Office Building

Wayfinding information: Preferred paths and public transportation options

1. Preferred paths along Capitol Hill streets

- A. Birds-eye view and general information
 - 1. The Capitol Building occupies an entire city block
 - a. As is common in many state capitol districts around the nation, several streets change names in the vicinity of the Capitol Building
 - b. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW (street bordering the north side of the Capitol Building) does not change names
 - c. Mitchell Street SW becomes Capitol Square SW (street bordering the south side of the Capitol Building) east of Washington Street
 - d. Piedmont Avenue SE becomes Capitol Avenue SW (street bordering the east side of the Capitol Building) south of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW
 - e. Courtland Street SE (west side of Capitol Building) becomes Washington Street SW south of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW
 - 2. The Sloppy Floyd Building, which is adjacent to the building containing the MARTA Georgia State University rail station, occupies an entire city block. It is diagonally northeast of the Capitol Building through the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. SW and Capitol Avenue/ Piedmont Avenue SW
 - a. The MARTA Blue and Green rail lines, running on the same tracks at this point, form the northern boundary of the city block upon which the Sloppy Floyd Building sits
 - b. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE forms the southern boundary of the city block upon which the Sloppy Floyd Building sits
 - c. Jesse Hill Drive SE forms the eastern boundary of the city block upon which the Sloppy Floyd Building sits
 - d. Piedmont Avenue SE forms the western boundary of the city block upon which the Sloppy Floyd Building sits

3. The Legislative Office Building is the northeastern square of four interconnected square buildings that take up the entire city block directly south across Capitol Square SW from the Capitol Building. Other buildings in this city block include the Georgia Supreme Court Building (northwestern square), the Georgia Justice Building (southwestern square), and the state office building housing the State Road and Tollway Authority and the State Technology Authority (southeastern square).
 - a. The Legislative Office Building is nearest the intersection of Capitol Avenue SW and Capitol Square SW, but is best approached from the intersection of Washington Street SW and Capitol Square SW because of construction to the adjacent building to the east and to the former state employee parking complex across Capitol Avenue SW
4. Key intersections on Capitol Hill: these intersections include environmental features useful to alignment with inside crosswalk lines for making street crossings in the Capitol Hill area. Many visitors will find it useful to visualize walking from the Sloppy Floyd Building to the State Capitol Building accessible entrance, then from the Capitol Hill Building accessible entrance to the Legislative Office Building entrance. All of these intersections are controlled by traffic lights, with adequate traffic flow to support safe street crossings.
 - a. Piedmont Avenue SW at Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW
 - b. Washington Street SW at Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW
 - c. Washington Street SW at Capitol Square SW
5. “Preferred walking path” from the Sloppy Floyd Building to the Capitol Building accessible entrance/exit to the Legislative Office Building public entrance/exit
 - a. Starting point: Northeast corner of Piedmont Avenue SW and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW. Visitors arriving at the Georgia State University MARTA rail station may find it more convenient to exit the rail station on the ground level on the Piedmont Avenue side, then walk south to this intersection, rather than navigating the complex floor plan of the Sloppy Floyd Building. The sidewalks at this intersection are constructed as a rounded intersection rather than meeting at an identifiable 90-degree angle. There are two metal poles on the inside shoreline at this intersection: the one at the intersection of the two streets is the pole from which traffic lights and pedestrian walk signs hang; the one further east along Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW is a street light pole. For ease of travel, locate the traffic light pole, then walk north along the inside shoreline across three sidewalk plate seams, then turn to face Piedmont Avenue SW. This third sidewalk plate seam aligns approximately 5 degrees to the right of the inside painted pedestrian crosswalk across Piedmont Avenue SW. To walk toward the accessible entrance to the Capitol Building, face Piedmont Avenue SE, move to the curb, then cross Piedmont Avenue SW with a parallel traffic surge and walk west one block along Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW to the northeast corner of Washington Street SW and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW.
 - b. First intermediate point along the preferred route from the Sloppy Floyd Building to the Capitol Building and/or the Legislative Office Building: the northeast corner of Washington Street SW at Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW; the Georgia Department of Agriculture Building is located here. The inside shoreline of this corner is composed of a cement curb into which a metal fence is set; walking north a few faces along this inside shoreline of Washington Street, then

making an about face to face south across Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW aligns one with the inside painted boundary of the painted crosswalk across Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW. To continue toward the accessible entrance to the Capitol Building and/or to the Legislative Office Building, cross Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW and walk south one block to the northwest corner of Washington Street SW and Capitol Square SW. Walking along Washington Street SW between Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW and Capitol Square SW, the Georgia Capitol Building is to one's left. The inside shoreline along this block is a stone retaining wall buttressing the ground upon which the Capitol sits above ground level.

- c. Second intermediate point along the preferred walking route from the Sloppy Floyd Building to the Capitol Building and/or the Legislative Office Building: the northwest corner of Washington Street SW at Capitol Square SW. The inside shoreline of this corner continues the stone retaining wall described above; at the intersection of the two sidewalks at this corner, a set of steps leads to a cement walkway that leads diagonally into the Capitol Building property; currently, this walkway leads into a construction area, and does not facilitate entry into the building. The stone retaining wall along Washington Street SW can be used to align to the inside line of the painted crosswalk across Capitol Square SW, for continuing toward the Legislative Office Building, or can be used to trail around the corner to walk eastward along Capitol Square SW toward the accessible entrance to the Capitol Building.
- d. Locating the accessible entrance to the Capitol Building from the northeast corner of Washington Street SW and Capitol Square SW: walk east along Capitol Square SW, using three-point touch technique to locate the three steps leading to the first landing above sidewalk level at the outside south entry into the Capitol. Walk north up these three steps, then walk north to the next set of outside steps into the Capitol, but do not go up the second set of steps. Turn left (west), and follow the shoreline formed by the second set of steps. Past the steps, a curb will curve north toward the ground level entrance that is the accessible entry to the Capitol Building. Visitors should expect to go through a security checkpoint that includes a metal detector as they enter the Capitol.
- e. Locating the public entrance to the Legislative Office Building: after crossing Capitol Square SW as described above, please step to the center of the sidewalk in order to detect the second set of metal grates set into the center of the sidewalk (there are metal grates set into the inside or outside shoreline along this city block). Immediately after passing these grates in the center of the sidewalk, move to the inside (south) shoreline and follow it until it turns right (south), leading to a set of outdoor steps leading up to the public entrance of the Legislative Office Building. Additional information: there are three outside sets up steps leading up to three sets of doors into the Legislative Office Building. The public entrance is the middle set of doors, and is the only set of doors to which the shoreline turns and leads. There is currently no turn in the inside shoreline toward the steps leading to the first set of doors or to the third set of doors along the described path. Visitors should expect to go through a security checkpoint that includes a metal detector as they enter the Legislative Office Building.

- f. Reversing the route(s) described above: the traveling environment contains environmental features aligned with the inside painted line of crosswalks across each of the key intersections along the return path. The standard procedure of walking away from the intended direction of street crossing in order to align with straight-line features that give a good line of direction will work well at each intersection. The last intersection along a reversal of the route(s) described, crossing Piedmont Avenue SW eastward at Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, contains an alignment challenge. The curb alongside the inside shoreline on the south side of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive curves northward along Piedmont Avenue some 30 feet west of the Piedmont Avenue. Care should be taken to project a straight line eastward from that point, including walking around the metal pole from which some of the intersection's traffic lights hang.

2. Current public transportation options for travel to the Georgia Capitol Hill area.

As public transportation options are subject to change based upon operational decisions made by the named transportation systems, citizens are advised to confirm schedules and routes with the transportation system of choice. Requesting schedules and routes for transportation to the key intersections named in #4 above is advisable, as they are the intersections most relevant for travel to the MARTA Georgia State University rail station, the Sloppy Floyd Building, the Georgia State Capitol Building, and the Georgia Legislative Office Building.

- A. MARTA options. Please call MARTA Customer Information at 404-848-5000 or visit www.itsmarta.com to confirm current route and schedule information. Many visitors will find it that it expedites travel to Capitol Hill how to get to the MARTA Georgia State University rail station using MARTA.
 1. Any MARTA rail station to MARTA Georgia State University rail station
 2. MARTA bus routes currently going through key intersections: 21, 32, 55, 74, 99, 155
 3. MARTA bus routes proximate to Capitol Hill: 1, 3, 13, 16, 21, 32, 42, 49, 51, 55, 74, 99, 110, 155, 186. Traffic volume and traffic control from these bus routes supports effective street crossings in some areas and not in others. Using these bus routes that connect to the MARTA Georgia State University rail stop, to one of the three key intersections noted above, or to the Atlanta Streetcar downtown route is recommended.
- B. Xpress System options. Please call 404 463 GRTA (4782) or visit www.xpressga.com to confirm park and ride locations and current route and schedule information. Many visitors will find that using the Xpress System to connect to the MARTA rail system expedites travel to the MARTA Georgia State University rail station near Capitol Hill. Some Xpress System routes arrive on Capitol Hill a few times each morning and depart from Capitol Hill a few times each afternoon.
 1. North Corridor (I-75 North)
 - a. Canton (Boling Park), 490 to Downtown
 - b. Woodstock (His Hands Church), 490 to Downtown or 491 to Midtown
 - c. Acworth, Bus 480 to Downtown or CCT 102 to Midtown

- d. Town Center/Big Shanty, Bus 481 to Midtown or CCT 100 to Downtown
 - e. Busbee Drive, CCT 100 to Downtown
 - f. Marietta CCT Transfer Center, CCT 101 to Downtown
2. Northeast Corridor (I-85/958 North, GA 400, and GA 141)
 - a. Cumming, 400 to Downtown
 - b. Buford (I-985 at GA 20), GCT 101 to Downtown
 - c. Doraville MARTA rail station, 408 to Peachtree Corners and Johns Creek (Peachtree Parkway--GA 141)
 - d. Discover Mills (Sugarloaf Parkway), 410 to Lindberg MARTA rail station, 412 to Midtown, GCT 103 to Downtown
 - e. Indian Trail (Exit 101), GCT 102 to Downtown
 - f. Mall of Georgia, 411 to Midtown
 - g. Hamilton Mill Station at I-85, 413 to Downtown, 411 to Midtown
 - h. Dacula (Hebron Baptist Church), 416 to Downtown
 3. West Corridor (I-20 West)
 - a. Douglasville (Douglas County Transportation System), 460 to Downtown, 461 to Midtown
 - b. West Douglas, 461 to Midtown
 - c. Hiram, 470 to Downtown, 471 to Midtown
 - d. Powder Springs, 470 to Downtown, 471 to Midtown
 - e. Mableton, 475 to Downtown
 4. East Corridor (I-20 East and US 78)
 - a. Snellville (First Baptist Church), 418 to Downtown
 - b. Stone Mountain Park area, 424 to Downtown
 - c. Hewatt Road, 418 to Downtown
 - d. East Conyers (Church in the Now), 423 to Midtown, 425 to Downtown
 - e. West Conyers (Sigman Road), 420 to Downtown, 421 to Midtown, 428 to Perimeter Center
 - f. Panola Road, 422 to Downtown, 423 to Midtown, 428 to Perimeter Center
 5. South Corridor (I-75/85 South and US 19/41)
 - a. McDonough, 430 to Downtown/Midtown
 - b. Stockbridge, 431 to Midtown, 432 to Downtown
 - c. BrandsMart (Stockbridge), 432 to Downtown
 - d. Hampton (Atlanta Motor Speedway), 440 to Downtown
 - e. Jonesboro, 440 to Downtown, 441 to Midtown
 - f. Riverdale, 442 to Downtown
 - g. Union City, 455 to Downtown (p.m. from Midtown and Downtown)
 - h. Newnan, 450 to Downtown, 451 to Midtown (a.m.), 455 from Midtown (p.m.)
- C. Atlanta Streetcar: the downtown route for the new Atlanta Streetcar passes within 4 block of one of the key intersections for effective Capitol Hill travel, Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW at Washington Street SW. Most of the route is fairly steep uphill from the Edgewood Avenue Atlanta Streetcar stop,

along Courtland Avenue. After Gilmer Street, there are no street crossings along this route until Washington Avenue, as Courtland Street is elevated on bridges above the ground-level crossing streets. Directions for a preferred walking path from the Edgewood Avenue Atlanta Streetcar stop are below. Below them is a list of MARTA buses currently intersecting the Atlanta Streetcar route.

1. From the Edgewood Avenue Atlanta Streetcar stop, walk east one-half block to Courtland Avenue SE.
2. Turn right (south) on Courtland Avenue SW and walk one block to Gilmer Avenue.
3. Turn left (east) and cross Gilmer Street SW. A traffic light controls traffic at this intersection.
4. Turn right (south) and cross Gilmer Street SW.
5. Continue south three additional blocks to the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. SW, one of the key intersections identified for Capitol Hill travel.
6. One and one-half blocks south of Gilmer Street, there is a mid-block button-activated traffic light for students to cross Courtland Avenue SW between Georgia Street. There is no street intersecting Courtland Avenue at this point.
7. MARTA bus routes connecting to the Atlanta Streetcar route at this writing: 16, 99