



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/28/03 through 5/02/03

- Paving related to CVC utility work has been completed:
 - at the intersection of New Jersey Avenue NW and Louisiana Avenue NW;
 - along D Street NE between Delaware Avenue NE and First Street NE;
 - along Second Street NE, between Massachusetts Avenue NE and D Street NE.Normal traffic flow and pedestrian access have been restored to all areas where paving is complete.
- Paving activity at the intersection of First Street NE and D Street NE is expected to be completed at the end of this week. Portions of this paving zone will be plated after 4PM to allow for two lanes of traffic in each direction along First Street NE until the work is completed.
- Paving activities will be completed during the next Congressional recess along D Street NE, between Louisiana Avenue and Delaware Avenue NE. Currently, this zone is open to traffic in both directions and pedestrian access on both sides of D Street NE.
- Significant tunnel construction activity continues in New Jersey Avenue NW, along Constitution Ave. NW, along upper Northwest Drive and on the East Front Plaza.

East Front Plaza Work

- Site excavation continues throughout the project site. Approximately 300 truckloads (3,000 tons) of material is removed each day.
- Construction of the CVC foundation walls is complete on the Senate side of the site and is nearing completion on the House side near the face of the building. In all, approximately 2,200 linear feet of perimeter wall has been constructed.
- Installation of tie-backs (a group of long steel rods) continues on the Senate side. The tie-backs, which can measure up to 110 feet, are inserted through the perimeter walls and anchored into the surrounding terrain. The CVC's three levels of tiebacks will help offset the pressure that the surrounding terrain places on the perimeter walls.

House Side

- Crews continue construction of a CVC tunnel connector to the existing Cannon Tunnel near the House Steps and Carriageway. The Carriageway Door, the House Door and the House Steps will remain accessible at all times. At the completion of the tunnel work, which is expected in two months, the drive loop will revert to its previous alignment adjacent to the House Carriageway.

Senate Side (Outside the Main Construction Fence)

Tunnel Construction:

- CVC tunnel construction work continues on the East Front Plaza adjacent to and within the Senate triangular parking area.
- Excavation work related to the CVC service tunnel continues in Constitution Avenue NW just east of the intersection of New Jersey Avenue NW. The tunnel work in this zone will continue for several months.

- CVC tunnel construction work continues along the east side of New Jersey Avenue NW between Constitution Avenue and C Street. The east sidewalk in this location will continue to be closed, but the west sidewalk is accessible. The street will continue to be restricted to one lane and one way traffic traveling southbound.
- The North Door, the Senate Steps and the Senate Carriageway Door remain accessible to pedestrians throughout construction.

Senate-Side Utility-Related Work:

- Paving has been completed:
 - at the intersection of New Jersey Avenue NW and Louisiana Avenue NW;
 - along D Street NE between Delaware Avenue NE and First Street NE;
 - along Second Street NE, between Massachusetts Avenue NE and D Street NE.
 Normal traffic flow and pedestrian access have been restored to all areas where paving is complete.
- Paving activity at the intersection of First Street NE and D Street NE is expected to be completed at the end of this week. Portions of the paving zone are plated after 4PM to allow for two lanes of traffic in each direction along First Street NE until the work is completed.
- Paving activities will be completed during the next Congressional recess along D Street NE, between Louisiana Avenue and Delaware Avenue NE. This zone is open to traffic in both directions and pedestrian access on both sides of D Street NE.

Next Week – Anticipated Work – 5/05/03 through 5/09/03

East Front Plaza Work

- Excavation will continue on both the Senate and House sides of the CVC construction site. Some large equipment will continue to be situated close to the east face of the Capitol building on the House side.

House Side (Outside the Construction Fence)

- Crews will continue construction of a CVC connector tunnel to the existing Cannon Tunnel near the House Steps. The Carriageway Door, the House Door and the House Steps will remain accessible at all times.

Senate Side (Outside the Construction Fence)

- CVC tunnel work will continue in a portion of the East Front Plaza on the Senate side, Northwest Drive, along New Jersey Avenue NW, and in Constitution Avenue NW, just east of New Jersey Avenue NW.
- Remaining paving activity along D Street between Louisiana Avenue and Delaware Avenue NE will be completed during the next Congressional recess.

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