



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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This Week – Ongoing Work – 7/14/03 through 7/18/03

- The perimeter wall (2,080 linear feet) of the CVC is complete. Deep excavation is proceeding rapidly to a depth of 50 feet on the House side and crews are expected to begin erecting the first of 132 steel columns in August. More than 500 truckloads of material are being removed from the site each day.

East Front Plaza Work

- Site excavation continues throughout the project site.
- Installation of tie-backs (groups of long steel rods) continues throughout the site. The tie-backs, which can measure up to 110 feet, are inserted through the perimeter walls and anchored into the surrounding terrain.

A crew secures a portion of formwork for the retaining wall that will line the north-side entrance ramp to the CVC. Concrete will be poured within the formwork and then the formwork will be removed once the concrete “cures.” Eventually, the wall will be lined with granite stones that will match the color and texture of the existing historic retaining walls on Capitol Square, which were designed in 1874 by Frederick Law Olmsted.



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, along Constitution Avenue NW just east of the intersection of New Jersey Avenue NW, and along the east side of New Jersey Avenue NW between Constitution Avenue and C Street NW.

Next Week – Anticipated Work – 7/21/03 through 7/25/03

East Front Plaza Work

- Excavation and installation of tie-backs will continue on both the Senate and House sides of the CVC construction site.

House Side (Outside the Construction Fence)

No work expected.

A worker directs water to clean and lubricate one of 494 tiebacks that are being installed into the CVC perimeter wall. The tiebacks, which can measure up to 110 feet long, act as screws that secure the perimeter wall to the surrounding terrain.



Senate Side (Outside the CVC Construction Fence)

- CVC tunnel work will continue in a portion of the East Front Plaza on the Senate side, along Upper Northwest Drive, along New Jersey Avenue NW, and in Constitution Avenue NW, just east of New Jersey Avenue NW.



Excavation is progressing along the perimeter wall on the House side. Close to 247,000 cubic yards of material have been removed from the project site thus far, which translates to approximately 24,700 truckloads.

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