



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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*Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, left, is briefed on CVC construction activities by Alan Hantman, Architect of the Capitol, during a site visit on Thursday, October 9, 2003. Steel framework, which can be seen in the background, has been erected throughout most of the southern half of the site and columns can now be seen adjacent to the Rotunda Steps.*

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 10/13/03 through 10/17/03**

### **East Front Plaza Highlights:**

- Crews will continue to erect columns and secure crossbeams in the southern half of the CVC site. Corrugated steel roof decking will be installed as framing continues. Steel framing has now been erected adjacent to the Rotunda Steps. Steel rebar cages are now being assembled on the roof deck in the southwest quadrant in preparation for the first of two concrete slabs that will be placed on the roof.
- Crews have installed more than 100 caissons. Eventually, 165 caissons will be poured to support all of the steel and concrete columns that will be erected on the CVC site.
- More than 500,000 cubic yards (50,000 truckloads) of material have been removed from the site since excavation began August 2002. Only 20,000 cubic yards of material to be excavated will remain to provide access for vehicles.

### **East Front Extension (Inside the Capitol)**

- Demolition of structural elements continues on several levels within the East Front. The work will clear the way for the transition zone between the CVC and the Capitol, which will include escalators, stairwells and two 25-passenger elevators.

### Senate Side (Truck Tunnel Zone)

#### Truck Tunnel Construction:

- CVC truck tunnel construction work continues on the East Front Plaza adjacent to and within the Senate triangular parking area, along Constitution Avenue NW, and along the east side of New Jersey Avenue NW between Constitution Avenue and C Street NW. Excavation is approximately 75 percent complete in this zone.

## **Next Week – 10/20/03 - 10/24/03**

### East Front Plaza Work

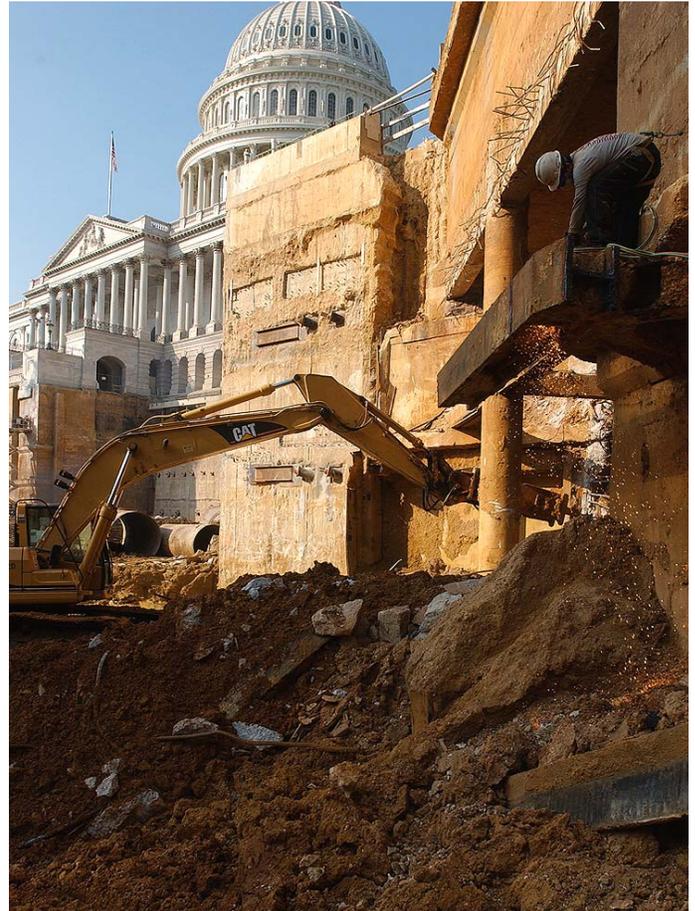
- Crews will continue to erect steel columns and crossbeams, and install roof decking in the southern half of the site.
- Excavation will continue throughout the northern half of the CVC construction site. Installation of caissons will continue in the north and central portions of the site.

### East Front (Inside the Capitol Building)

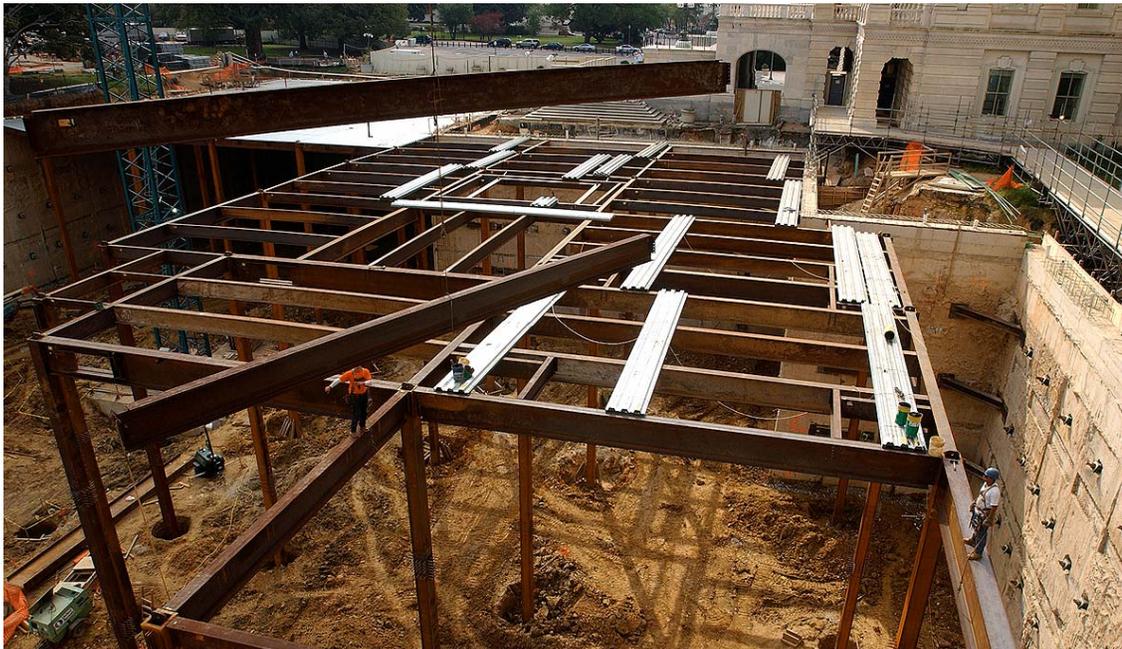
- Demolition of structural elements will continue on all levels within the East Front Extension.

### Senate Side

- CVC truck tunnel work will continue in all areas of the tunnel construction zone.



*Workers continue demolition and excavation on the north side of the CVC site to clear the way for the new truck tunnel entrance.*



*Steel workers guide a crossbeam into place near the face of the Capitol between the House Steps and Rotunda Steps. Steel roof decking will be installed over the next several weeks and then covered with a 13-inch concrete slab. When completed, the roof deck will have a thickness of 27 inches.*

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