



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/14/03 through 4/18/03

- Second Street NE, between D Street NE and Massachusetts Avenue NE, is closed to allow for addition utility work to be completed in this zone. This portion of Second Street will remain closed until repaving activities are completed next week. Traffic is being rerouted around the work zone, but pedestrian access through the work zone is maintained.
- Utility work has been completed along Second Street NE between D Street NE and Massachusetts Avenue NE. Repaving activities have begun, but traffic flow will be maintained in both directions while this work is accomplished. Weather permitting, all repaving work is expected to be completed by Friday, May 2, 2003.
- 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.

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 Work:

- Second Street NE, between D Street NE and Massachusetts Avenue NE, is closed to allow for addition utility work to be completed in this zone. This portion of Second Street will remain closed until repaving activities are completed next week.
- Utility work along Second Street NE between Massachusetts Avenue NE and D Street NE is complete and repaving activities have begun. Traffic flow will be rerouted slightly around the paving zones.

Next Week – Anticipated Work – 4/21/03 through 4/25/03

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.
- Paving activities will be completed along D Street between Louisiana Avenue NW and Second Street NE, and on Second Street NE between D Street NE and Massachusetts Avenue NE.

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