



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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This Week – Ongoing Work – 7/07/03 through 7/11/03

- Paving work above the tunnel connector between the CVC and the Cannon Tunnel was completed during the July 4th weekend and the drive loop has been reestablished adjacent to the House Carriageway.
- The perimeter wall (2,080 linear feet) of the CVC is now complete. Deep excavation is proceeding rapidly to a depth of 50 ft. 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 (photo at right).



East Front Plaza Work

- Site excavation continues throughout the project site.
- Installation of tie-backs (a group 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.



House Side

- Crews completed construction of the CVC tunnel connector to the existing Cannon Tunnel. The drive loop adjacent to the House Carriageway has been reestablished.

Excavation within the House side of the CVC project site continues. Most of the site has been excavated to a depth of 25 feet, about halfway to the final 50-foot depth of the CVC's lower-level floor slab. The concrete perimeter walls visible in this photo are already in the ground to a depth of 70 feet and are revealed as excavation continues. Tiebacks are installed after every 12 feet of excavation to secure the walls to the surrounding terrain.

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 – 7/14/03 through 7/18/03

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.

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.

Close to 80 truckloads of material are being removed each day along the CVC service tunnel route on the north side of the Capitol. Close to 37,000 cubic yards of soil have been removed from the tunnel construction zone, about 80 percent of the 48,000 total yards to be excavated from this area.



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