



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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*A view of the CVC site from the East Front Center Steps on Monday, December 1, shows a second tower crane (left of photo) that was erected this past weekend. The crane will be used to transport concrete, steel and other materials throughout the northern half of the site.*

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 12/01/03 through 12/05/03**

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

- Crews have completed concrete placements on the roof deck over the entire area above the House expansion space, south of the south tower crane. Additional concrete placements will occur on the roof deck throughout the week.
- With caisson work now complete, the two large drill rigs that dug the caisson trenches have left the site clearing the way for steel erection throughout the northern half of the site. Steel erection will resume this week.
- A tower crane similar to the one on the southern half of the site has been erected in the northwest quadrant.
- Crews continue to assemble the formwork for the lower of two floor slabs inside the CVC.
- Utility crews continue to install the subgrade utilities throughout the site.

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

- During the recess, crews will begin demolishing and saw-cutting floor slabs to clear the way for elevator shafts, stairwells, and mechanical systems.
- Demolition of structural elements continues on several levels within the East Front.

### Senate Side (Truck Tunnel Zone)

#### Truck Tunnel Construction:

- A drill rig will be operating near the southwestern most end of the tunnel construction zone near the Senate drive-thru canopy. No parking spaces have been impacted, but the pedestrian path along the jersey barriers is being shifted slightly southward.
- A large yellow drill rig is expected to complete its work by the end of the week and be removed from the site.
- Crews have placed a concrete roof slab over a portion of the tunnel directly below Constitution Avenue NW.
- Crews continue assembling steel rebar across the tunnel opening in preparation of a concrete roof deck.



*A crew working on the new truck tunnel builds the formwork for the roof of the tunnel in preparation of a concrete pour. Eventually, the area above the tunnel roof will be backfilled.*

## Next Week – 12/08/03 - 12/12/03

### East Front Plaza Work

- Crews will continue erecting steel columns and crossbeams in the northern half of the site. They will continue to install roof decking, lay rebar and place concrete on the decking and on grade in the southern half of the site.
- Installation of utilities, mechanical trenches, footings and storm drain pipes will continue throughout the site.
- Scaffolding for the first-level floor slab will continue to be erected. Concrete placements will continue to occur for the first-level floor slab.



### East Front (Inside the Capitol Building)

- Demolition of structural elements will continue on all levels within the East Front Extension and in the Carriageway below the center steps (see photo at left).

### Senate Side

- CVC truck tunnel work will continue in all areas of the tunnel construction zone.
- Weather permitting, a drill rig at the southernmost end of the tunnel construction zone is expected to have complete its work and be removed from the site.

*Demolition continues below the East Front Center Steps to clear the way for a grand stairwell and escalators within the transition zone between the CVC and the Capitol.*

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