



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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This aerial view of the CVC project site from Dec. 17, 2003, shows the progress of steel erection, which is now visible adjacent to the Senate Steps (center right). Also visible is the placement of concrete on the roof deck in front of the Center Steps and the staging of hundreds of tons of construction materials on the roof deck near the House Steps. Most of the steel for the CVC structure will be erected by the end of January.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 12/22/03 through 12/26/03

East Front Plaza Highlights:

- Steel crews continue to erect steel in the northern half of the site.
- Crews have completed concrete placements on the roof deck over the entire area above the House expansion space. Additional concrete placements have also been completed in front of the Center Steps.
- Crews continue to assemble the formwork for the lower of two floor slabs above the slab on grade inside the CVC and concrete placements for the lower level slab will occur during the next two weeks.
- Crews continue to excavate and install utilities throughout the site.



East Front Extension (Inside the Capitol)

- During the winter recess, crews will continue demolishing and saw-cutting floor slabs and walls to clear the way for elevator shafts, stairwells and new mechanical systems.

Architect of the Capitol, Alan Hantman, described construction activities to Senate Majority Leader Frist, during a CVC site walk on Dec. 19, 2003.

Senate Side (Truck Tunnel Zone)

Truck Tunnel Construction:

- Crews continue assembling rebar and placing concrete roof slabs over portions of the truck tunnel.

Next Week – 12/29/03 - 1/02/04

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 project site.
- Scaffolding for the first-level floor slab will continue to be erected and concrete placements will occur inside the CVC in the southwest quadrant.

East Front Extension (Inside the Capitol)

- Demolition of structural elements will continue on all levels within the East Front Extension and in the Carriageway below the East Front Center Steps.

Senate Side (Truck Tunnel Zone)

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



AOC photographer Chuck Badal has taken thousands of photographs of CVC construction activities since work began late in 2001. Chuck is responsible for the majority of photographs that have appeared in the CVC Weekly Construction Summary and on the CVC web site.



Far left: New York Times photographer, Doug Mills, visited the CVC site on Dec. 22, 2003, to capture current project activities. According to Mills, a CVC photo caption story is expected to appear in the Times before the end of December.

Left: Below the Statue of Freedom's watchful gaze, steel workers guide a crossbeam into place on the north side of the CVC construction site on Dec. 22, 2003.