



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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This Week – Ongoing Work – 6/23/03 through 6/27/03



Highlights:

- 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 now being removed from the site each day. Portions of the CVC roof deck structure on the House side may be in place as early as this September.

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.

Workers assemble a rebar cage in the northeast quadrant of the CVC site. The steel rods will serve as the skeleton of the wall that will line the north entrance ramp of the CVC.

House Side

- Crews continue construction of a CVC tunnel connector to the existing Cannon Tunnel near the House Steps and Carriageway. At the completion of the tunnel work, expected during the July 4 recess, the zone will be paved and the drive loop will be re-established adjacent to the House Carriageway.

The concrete roof slab of the tunnel connector between the CVC and the Cannon tunnel has been placed and waterproofed.



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 – 6/30/03 through 7/04/03

East Front Plaza Work

- Excavation and installation of tie-backs will continue on both the Senate and House sides of the CVC construction site.

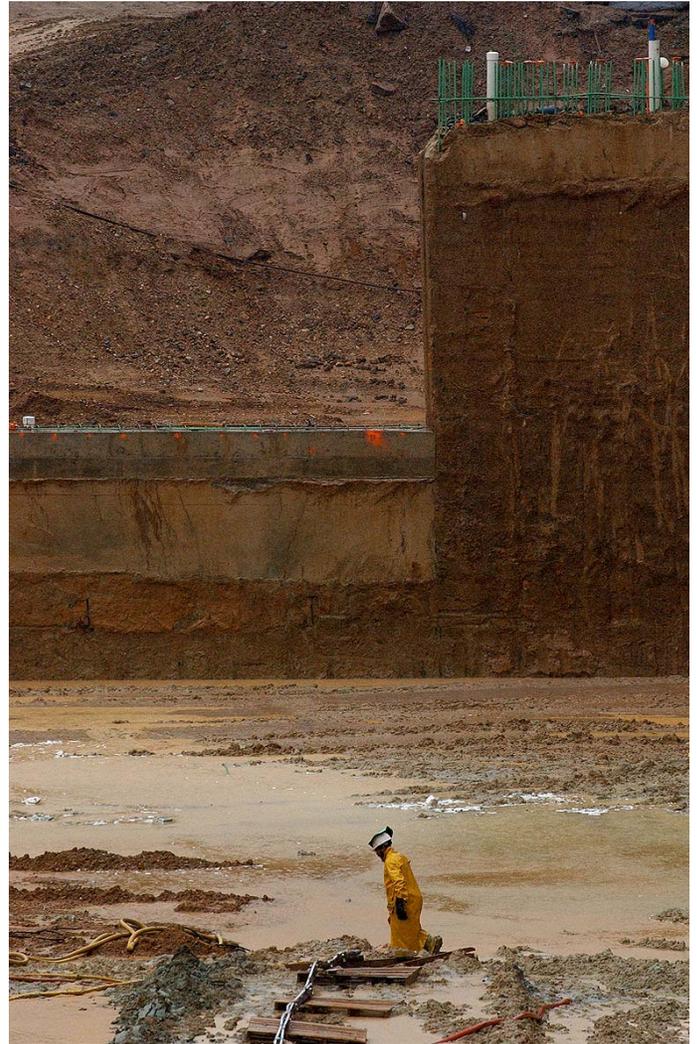
House Side (Outside the Construction Fence)

- Weather permitting, crews will pave the Plaza over the Cannon connector tunnel and the vehicle drive loop will be re-established near the House Carriageway. 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, along Upper Northwest Drive, along New Jersey Avenue NW, and in Constitution Avenue NW, just east of New Jersey Avenue NW.

CV-Sea? A worker navigates through several inches of water in the center of the CVC site during a rainstorm last week. The persistent rains this spring have, at times, hampered excavation activities.



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