



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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This Week – Ongoing Work – 5/12/03 through 5/16/03

- No significant new activities are expected to occur this week.
- The remaining perimeter wall panels being constructed near the face of the building on the House side are expected to be completed by the end of this week.
- The tall blue concrete storage tower within the tunnel construction zone on the north side of the Capitol has been removed. One of the two large cranes also within the tunnel construction zone is being disassembled this week and will be removed by early next week.

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.
- 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 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 less than two months, the drive loop will be moved 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 North Door, the Senate Steps and the Senate Carriageway Door remain accessible to pedestrians throughout construction.

Senate-Side Utility-Related Work:

- Paving activities to restore sidewalks along D Street NE continues at the intersections of First and Second Streets NE. Normal traffic flow has resumed in these zones.
- Paving activities will be completed during the next congressional recess (week of May 26, 2003) along D Street NE, between Louisiana Avenue and Delaware Avenue NE.

Next Week – Anticipated Work – 5/19/03 through 5/23/03

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)

- 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.

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