



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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The eastern half of the CVC site continues to take shape as crews erect interior walls, place steel beams and install the roof deck (top right). Approximately 80 percent of the concrete roof deck is now in place above the Congressional Auditorium (top left of photo).

This Week – Ongoing Work – 9/13/04 through 9/17/04

East Front Plaza Highlights:

- Crews continue to build mechanical spaces, erect formwork, pour concrete, and install utilities throughout the site.
- Three quarters of the concrete is in place for the roof of the Congressional Auditorium.
- Stone masons continue laying granite pavers on the CVC roof deck. The pavers will cover most of the western half of the CVC roof deck in time for the inauguration in January 2005.
- Crews continue to place steel beams and roof decking sheets in the eastern half of the site above the visitor screening zone. Steel rebar is now being assembled on the roof deck in the southeast quadrant.
- Most of the interior concrete walls for the visitor screening zone have been completed.
- The CVC roof deck is expected to be in place over the entire site by the end of October.

East Front Extension (Inside the Capitol)

- Crews continue to erect structural steel inside the East Front Extension and continue with demolition activities to clear the way for elevator shafts, escalators, stairwells and new mechanical systems.
- Installation of new mechanical systems will begin next week.



Workers set steel in place for the roof deck above the CVC entrance area.

Truck Tunnel Construction

- The concrete roof of the truck tunnel is now complete.
- Dump trucks continue to backfill the area above the tunnel along Northwest Drive.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- Crews will continue assembling formwork for the tunnel walls along the western half of the tunnel within the site.



Installation of granite pavers on the western half of the East Front Plaza is a top priority in order to accommodate inaugural activities in Jan. 2005.

Next Week – 9/20/04 - 9/24/04

East Front Plaza Work

- Workers will continue placing the granite paving stones on the CVC roof deck.
- Workers will continue to install utilities, build mechanical spaces, erect formwork and place concrete for lower and upper level floor slabs in the northern half of the site.
- Steel crews will continue to install the columns, beams and roof decking sheets for the eastern half of the CVC roof deck.

East Front Extension

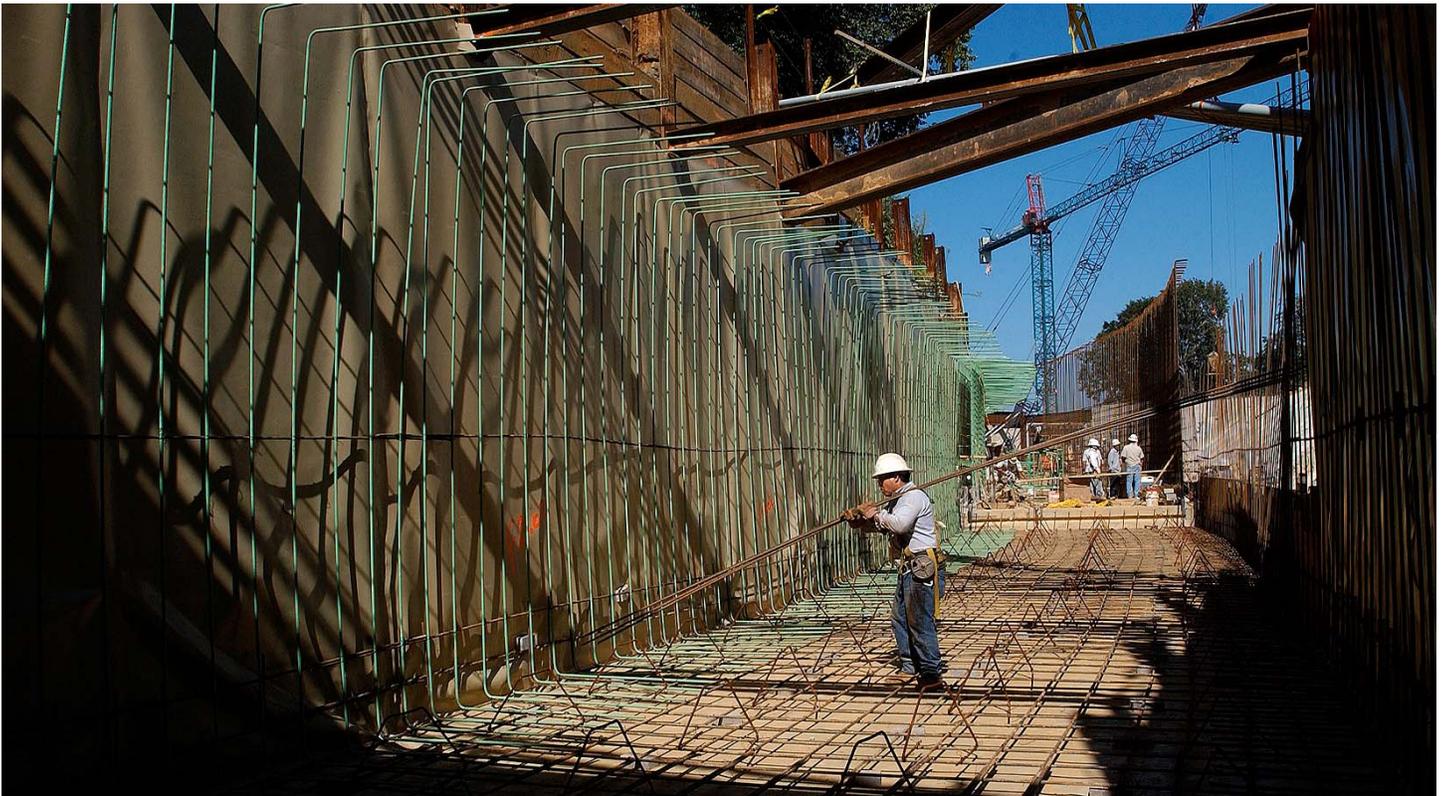
- Steel crews will continue to erect steel within the East Front concrete structure. Demolition of structural elements will continue on all levels within the East Front Extension and in the Carriageway below the East Front portico.

Truck Tunnel Construction

- Workers will continue to backfill above the tunnel roof as concrete cures and is waterproofed. The bulk of work will occur where the tunnel passes below the Senate Plaza and at its connection point with the CVC near the Senate Steps. Restoration of portions of Northwest Drive will begin.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- Formwork assembly, concrete placements and waterproofing will continue in various zones along the LOC tunnel route (see photo below). Pedestrian access will continue along the east side of the work zone on First St. SE.



Steel rebar continues to rise for the walls of the Library of Congress pedestrian tunnel.