



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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This aerial view taken December 22, 2004, shows the entire CVC project area. As the aerial photo in last week's summary showed, the western half of the Plaza deck (nearest the Capitol building) has been completed to a level sufficient to support inaugural activities. Clean-up activities will occur through next Wednesday, Jan. 19, to prepare the site for the arrival of the presidential motorcade, a troop review and other ceremonial activities. Meanwhile, interior spaces have been turned over to the Sequence 2 contractor, who is now applying a fireproofing material on all steel throughout the structure and continues to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems in all areas of the facility.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 1/10/05 through 1/14/05

CVC and East Front Plaza Highlights:

- East Front Plaza work is now complete at a level sufficient to support inaugural activities, including motorcade access.
- All major structural work for the CVC has been completed, including concrete placements for the roof deck and interior slabs. Work on the Library of Congress tunnel will be completed in late January 2005.
- Sequence 2 (build-out and finishes) workers continue to fireproof structural elements throughout the site.
- Stone masons have now placed more than 175,000 granite pavers on the CVC roof deck.
- Crews continue assembling the formwork for the pedestrian paths that slope down to the CVC entrance from First St..
- Sequence 2 workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems and erect interior block work.

East Front Extension

- All major steel erection and demolition activities are complete inside the East Front. However, some minor pockets of demolition activity will still occur and may cause temporary noise disturbances to adjacent offices. Sequence 2 contractors will continue installing mechanical systems and utilities in this zone.

Truck Tunnel Construction

- The truck tunnel is open to trucks delivering materials in support of the Sequence 2 contract.



CVC crews continue preparing the East Front Plaza for the Inauguration next week. Inset: Stone masons install pavers in the middle of the Plaza.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- Paving and sidewalk restoration work is complete along First Street SE.
- Waterproofing, backfilling and other finishing work at the easternmost end of the tunnel will continue.

Next Week – 1/17/04 – 1/21/05

Construction note: All work on the project will cease at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, Jan. 19, for Inauguration security preparations. Work will resume Friday, Jan. 21.

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Workers will continue placing the granite paving stones on the CVC roof in the central and eastern portions of the site.
- Sequence 2 crews will continue to install utilities, build mechanical spaces, place concrete, erect blockwork, and backfill and grade the zones near the CVC entrances.
- Sequence 1 crews will continue demobilizing equipment and trailers from the House and Senate eggs including the cement mixing plant (*photo right*).

East Front Extension

- Some minor demolition activities may occur.
- Crews will continue to install mechanical systems and utilities and begin restoration of the existing East Front elevators.

Truck Tunnel Construction

- Clean-up and finishing work will continue along Northwest Drive in preparation for the Inauguration.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- Final concrete placements are expected to occur at the easternmost end of the tunnel within the LOC grounds.



A crane continues to disassemble the concrete mixing plant on the south side of the CVC site. The on-site plant ensured the efficient delivery of concrete throughout the project area and kept approximately 30 cement trucks off the roads each day.

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