



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Last week, stone masons began to install the first sandstone in the lower level of the CVC in a corridor near the cafeteria.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 2/21/05 through 2/25/05**

### **CVC and East Front Plaza:**

- Workers continue to fireproof steel structural elements throughout the site.
- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect interior masonry block work, and install finish stone, which now includes sandstone, on the lower level near the CVC cafeteria.
- Stone and glass contractors continue installation of the smaller skylights near the face of the Capitol and will continue installing the stone anchors around the larger skylight at the south end of the Great Hall.
- Crews continue assembling the formwork for trench drains along the south side pedestrian path that leads to the CVC entrance from First Street.
- Stone masons continue installation of the granite paving stones on the East Front Plaza.

### **East Front Extension**

- Crews will continue installing mechanical systems and utilities in this zone.

### **East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel**

- With demolition complete, a drill rig has begun to auger piles that will eventually support the utility tunnel trench walls.

### **Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel**

- All structural work for the tunnel is complete.
- Weather permitting, final grading and landscaping work will continue this week to restore the grounds near the face of the LOC building.



A glass installation crew guides a pane of glass into position for a skylight situated above a stairwell that leads to Senate expansion space.

## **Next Week – 2/28/04 – 3/04/05**

### **CVC and East Front Plaza Work**

- Workers will continue placing the granite paving stones on the CVC roof in the eastern half of the site.
- Crews will continue to fireproof steel elements, install utilities, build mechanical spaces, place concrete, erect block-work, install finish stone, and backfill and grade the zones near the CVC entrances.
- Installation of the smaller skylight near the face of the Capitol on the south side will continue.

### **East Front Extension**

- Some minor demolition activities may occur.
- Crews will continue to install mechanical systems and utilities, and continue elevator work.

### **East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel**

- A drill rig will continue to auger piles that will eventually support the utility tunnel trench walls.

### **Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel**

- Landscape restoration work is expected to continue above the easternmost end of the tunnel near the face of the LOC.
- Installation of security and telecommunications conduit is complete inside the tunnel.



On a recent tour with Senator Michael Enzi (R-WY) and his wife, Architect of the Capitol Alan Hantman (right) points out the view of the Capitol that will greet visitors just before they enter the north side CVC entrance.