



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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On a scaffold at left, masonry workers build a masonry block column adjacent to one of the steel columns inside the Great Hall of the CVC.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 3/07/05 through 3/11/05

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.
- Stone and glass contractors will continue installation of the skylight near the face of the Capitol on the House side and will continue installing the stone anchors around the larger skylight at the south end of the Great Hall.
- A crew is backfilling soil along a concrete trench drain that flanks the south side pedestrian path.
- Weather permitting, stone masons will continue installation of the granite paving stones on the East Front Plaza.

East Front Extension

- Crews will continue installing mechanical systems and utilities.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- A drill rig has completed augering piles that will eventually support the utility tunnel trench walls. Excavation is ongoing.



Sparks fly as a worker cuts through a steel plate in a stairwell wall on the north side of the CVC.



Workers secure a plastic tarp below a skylight to protect it from the fireproofing material that will be applied to the surrounding steel structure.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- All structural work for the tunnel is complete. Utility work and interior plaster and stonework will occur later this year. Installation of security and telecommunications conduit is complete inside the tunnel.
- The connection to the Library of Congress building interior will be completed through a separate contract to be executed later in 2005.

Next Week – 3/14/04 – 3/18/05

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 blockwork, install finish stone, and backfill and grade the zones near the CVC entrances.
- A crew will continue installation of the smaller skylight near the face of the Capitol on the south side.
- Installation of new air handling units will begin.

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

- Excavation of the utility trench will continue. Lagging (wood planks) will be inserted between steel piles that will support the trench as excavation continues.



Sandstone now rises close to ten feet in a CVC corridor.