



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Large return fans, part of the CVC air handling system, are currently being installed in the service level.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 3/14/05 through 3/18/05

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Fireproofing is nearly complete on the upper level.
- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect interior masonry block work, and install marble and sandstone on the lower level.
- A glass contractor will begin installation of the skylight near the face of the Capitol on the House side.
- Crews continue to backfill soil in the eastern half of the site to achieve the final slope for the CVC entrance zones.
- Stone masons will continue installation of pavers on the East Plaza.
- Installation of air handling units will begin.

East Front Extension

- Crews will continue installing mechanical systems and utilities.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Steel support piles are in place and excavation is ongoing.

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.
- The connection to the Library of Congress building interior will be completed through a separate contract to be executed later in 2005.



Stone masons install sandstone around a CVC skylight.

Next Week – 3/21/04 – 3/25/05

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 may need to continue installation of the smaller skylight near the face of the Capitol on the south side.
- Installation of new air handling units will continue.



A worker grinds down a steel pipe in the CVC service level.

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, together, will support the trench as excavation continues (see photo below right).



Above: Workers install one of several hundred door jams that are included in the CVC floor plans.

Right: Excavation continues along East Capitol Street, between First and Second Streets, for the primary CVC utility trench. Here, a backhoe suspended over a temporary bridge removes soils from a trench that will eventually reach a depth of 20 feet.

