



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Workers install a storm drain pipe in the sloping ground leading to the CVC entrance on the south side of the site. The pipe is part of an elaborate drainage system that will intercept water before it reaches the CVC entrances and monumental stairs at the base of the slope (center right).

This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/04/05 through 4/08/05

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Fireproofing continues on all three levels inside the CVC, and within the Congressional Auditorium.
- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect interior masonry block work, and install marble and sandstone on the lower level. All four skylights near the face of the Capitol have been installed.
- Installation of additional drainage elements and structural foundation work will begin in April to prepare the entrance zone for the pedestrian ramps and stepped paths that slope down to the CVC entrances from First Street NE/SE.
- Later this week, stone masons are expected to resume installation of curb stones around the House and Senate eggs and across the center of the Plaza near the monumental stairs at the CVC entrances.

East Front Extension

- Crews will continue installing mechanical systems related to the elevators on the south side of this zone.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Steel support piles are in place and excavation will resume later this week once water from the recent heavy rains is pumped out. Most of the excavation is half-way down to its final depth of 20 feet. Pre-cast concrete tunnel sections are expected to arrive in early May.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- All structural work for the tunnel is complete. Utility work and interior plaster and stonework will begin later this spring.



In the lower level of the CVC a worker pumps air at high pressure into a portion of ductwork to test the seals that connect the ductwork sections.

Next Week – 4/11/04 – 4/15/05

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Workers will continue placing the granite curb stones on the East Plaza in the eastern half of the CVC site.
- Crews will continue to fireproof steel elements, install utilities, build mechanical spaces, place concrete, erect blockwork, install finish stone, and prepare the CVC entrance zones for the construction of paths and steps.
- Installation of new air handling units will continue.

East Front Extension

- Some minor demolition activities may occur.
- Crews will continue to install mechanical systems and utilities, and continue elevator work in the southern half of this zone.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Excavation of the utility trench will continue. Wood planks are being inserted between steel piles that, together, support the trench as excavation continues to a depth of 20 feet. The pre-cast concrete sections of the utility tunnel are expected to arrive in early May.



A truck exits the new truck service tunnel on the north side of Constitution Avenue. Between 50-60 trucks use the tunnel each week to deliver materials for the Sequence 2 contract (build-out and finishes).

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