



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Workers prepare the base of the front wall in one of the CVC's two orientation theaters. Eventually, the wall will rise thirty feet to the roof of the CVC and will accommodate a screen 20 feet high and nearly 35 feet across. At peak capacity, 250 visitors at a time will view a 12-minute film about the Capitol and the Congress, three times per hour in each theater, before beginning their tour of the Capitol building.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/11/05 through 4/15/05

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect interior masonry block work, and install interior marble and sandstone in the eastern half of the facility, including portions of the Great Hall.
- Fireproofing continues on all three levels inside the CVC, and fireproofing cleanup will continue within the Congressional Auditorium.
- Stone masons will 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 continue with some areas reaching the final depth of 20 feet. Pre-cast concrete tunnel sections are expected to arrive in early May.
- First Street, at its intersection with East Capitol Street, will be constricted to accommodate the placement of a temporary bridge across First Street at that location. One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction at all times.

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.

Next Week – 4/18/04 – 4/22/05

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.
- Granite paving installation will resume, as well as the inspection of those pavers already installed.
- 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.
- Installation of additional drainage elements and structural foundation work will continue in May to prepare the entrance zones for the pedestrian ramps and stepped paths that slope down to the CVC entrances.



Architect of the Capitol Alan Hantman, right, discusses interior construction activities with House Appropriations Chairman Jerry Lewis (R-CA) during a CVC site walk on April 8, 2005.

East Front Extension

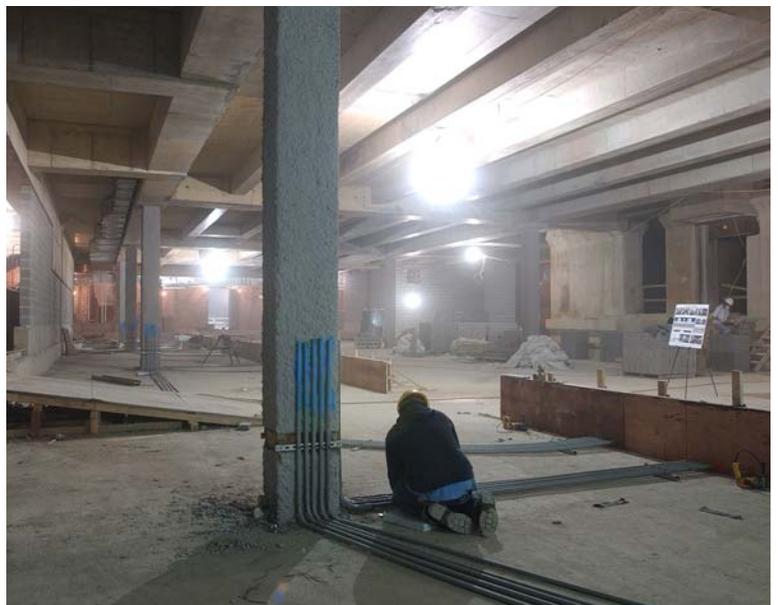
- Some minor demolition activities may occur.
- Crews will continue to install mechanical systems and utilities, and continue elevator work in the southern half of this zone, including the start of masonry blockwork installation for the elevator shafts.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Excavation of the utility trench will continue. Lane constrictions along First street will continue for several months.



Along East Capitol Street, excavation work continues in a utility trench that, eventually, will reach a depth of 20 feet.



A worker lays conduit in the floor of the Exhibition Gallery. The floor will be raised to allow some portions of the gallery to be illuminated from below.