



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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A CVC worker applies grout between masonry blocks at the south end of the Great Hall. An escalator bank will lie on the other side of the wall.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/18/05 through 4/22/05

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect 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. Fireproofing is complete within the Congressional Auditorium.
- Stone masons will continue 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.
- Granite paving installation will resume, as well as the inspection of those pavers already installed.

East Front Extension

- Crews will continue installing mechanical systems related to the elevators on the south side of this zone and they are expected to complete installation of the vertical rails within the elevator shafts.



A worker prepares a scaffold for utility installation work that will occur along the ceiling within one of the CVC's two orientation theaters.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Excavation of the trench between First Street and Second Street is complete. A crew will continue to place a concrete slab at the base of the trench. The slab will support the pre-cast concrete tunnel sections, which are expected to arrive in early May.
- First Street continues to be constricted to clear the way for utility work and the placement of a temporary bridge across First Street at its intersection with East Capitol Street. One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction at all times. Pedestrian access is available across East Capitol on the west side of First Street.

Next Week – 4/25/04 – 4/29/05

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Crews will continue to fireproof steel elements, install utilities, build mechanical spaces, place concrete, erect blockwork, and install finish stone.
- 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.
- Workers will continue placing the granite curb stones on the East Plaza in the eastern half of the CVC site. Granite paving installation will continue, as well as the inspection of those pavers already installed.

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

- Work will continue on the utility trench to prepare it for the delivery of pre-cast concrete sections, which will arrive in May. Lane constrictions along First Street NE/SE will continue for several months.

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