



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Workers place concrete around electrical and plumbing conduit on the East Front Plaza. The concrete slab will support one of the two historic oval fountains designed by Frederick Law Olmsted in 1874. All of the historic Olmsted features will be re-installed in their original locations.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 5/16/05 through 5/20/05

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect masonry block work, and install interior marble and sandstone. Blockwork is nearly complete in the Orientation Theaters and the Exhibition Gallery.
- Sheetrock and plaster work will begin in the food services area and air shafts.
- Fireproofing is complete in all three levels and inside the Congressional Auditorium.
- Crews will place a raised concrete slab along the western half of the Exhibition Gallery.
- Granite paving will continue on the eastern half of the East Front Plaza.
- Exterior stonework will continue along the pedestrian ramp on the north side of the CVC entrance zone.
- Installation of air handling units will continue.

East Front Extension

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



The Congressional Auditorium below the East Capitol Street Extension continues to take shape as blockwork rises along the south wall (right).

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Excavation of the trench between First Street and Second Street is complete and a base concrete slab is in place. Crews will continue to place the pre-cast concrete tunnel sections through the month of 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 continue to be maintained in each direction at all times. Pedestrian access is available across East Capitol on the west side of First Street.

Next Week – 5/23/04 – 5/27/05

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, place concrete, erect blockwork, and install finish stone.
- Sheetrock and plaster work will continue in the food services area and air shafts.
- Workers will continue placing the granite pavers on the East Plaza in the eastern half of the CVC site. Exterior wall stone installation will continue along the north side of the CVC entrance zone.

East Front Extension

- Crews will continue to install mechanical systems and utilities, and continue elevator work. Fireproofing of steel structural elements will continue inside the East Front Extension and will begin on the 2nd floor.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Installation of pre-cast concrete sections will continue. Lane constrictions and pedestrian detours along First Street NE/SE will continue for several months.

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