



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Stone masons install sandstone to the south wall in the Great Hall. Overall, stone work constitutes \$35 million of the Sequence 2 contract, which includes installation of mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, interior fit-out and finishes, and exterior stone and landscaping work.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 6/06/05 through 6/10/05

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect masonry block work, place concrete and install finish stone.
- Sheetrock and plaster work will continue in the food services area, adjacent corridors, and air shafts in the East Front.
- Granite paver installation will continue on the eastern half of the East Front Plaza.
- Exterior wall stonework will continue along the pedestrian ramp on the north side of the CVC entrance zone.
- Installation of air handling units (AHU) will continue. All 23 AHU's for the CVC are on site.
- Crews have completed all concrete placements in the Exhibition Gallery.
- Stone crews will continue installing stone to the walls and columns inside the Great Hall.

East Front Extension

- Crews will continue installing mechanical systems related to the elevators on the south side of this zone.
- Fireproofing will continue on the fourth floor in this zone and may begin in some areas on the third floor.



Inside one of the CVC's two orientation theaters, a worker aligns a steel support rod inside the blockwork of an interior column.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Crews are expected to complete placement of the pre-cast concrete tunnel sections.
- First Street continues to be constricted to clear the way for utility work in this zone. 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.
- Second Street NE/SE between Constitution Avenue and Independence Avenue will continue to be temporarily restricted to one lane for southbound traffic only, while northbound traffic will be detoured to Third Street NE/SE. The lane restriction is necessary to allow CVC construction crews to perform utility work at the intersection of East Capitol Street and Second Street. Two-way traffic flow along Second Street NE/SE is expected to return to normal at the end of June. Pedestrian and disabled access will be maintained along the east side of Second Street.

Next Week – 6/13/05 – 6/17/05

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

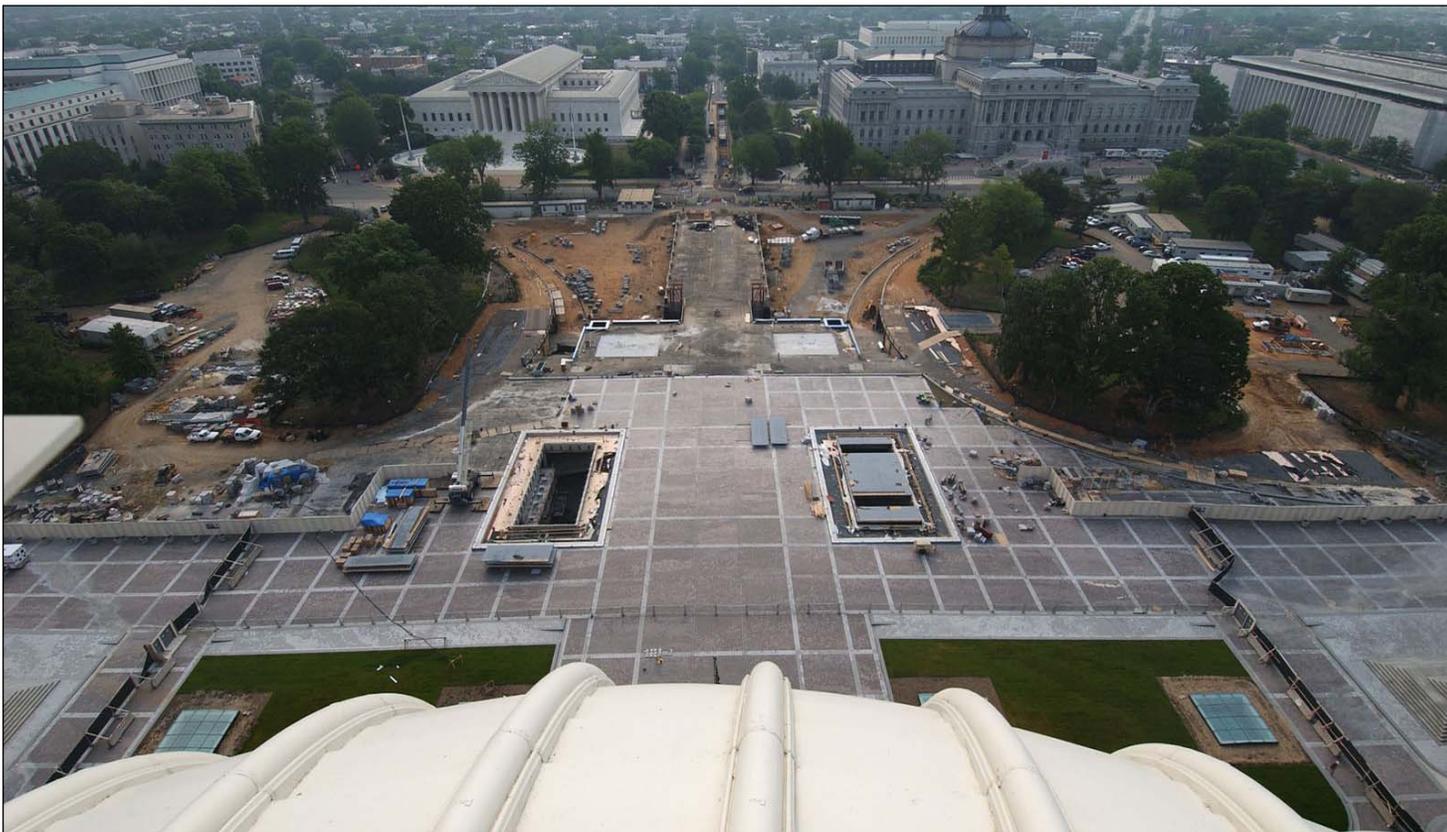
- Crews will continue to install mechanical systems and utilities, and continue elevator work. Fireproofing of steel structural elements is expected to continue on the third floor inside the East Front Extension.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Installation of pre-cast concrete sections is expected to be completed. Lane constrictions and pedestrian detours along First Street NE/SE will continue for several months.
- Second Street NE/SE between Constitution Avenue and Independence Avenue will continue to be temporarily restricted to one lane for southbound traffic only to allow CVC crews to perform utility work at the intersection of East Capitol Street and Second Street.

Clockwise from right: A crew works on a freshly placed concrete slab in a corridor near the Congressional Auditorium; (bottom) stone masons secure blocks of granite to the retaining wall along the north pedestrian ramp that leads to the CVC entrance; (below) a pipe-fitter cuts a water line on the upper level of the CVC. In the background is the central staircase connecting the CVC to the Capitol. Escalators will flank either side of the staircase.





Clockwise from top: A view of the East Front Plaza from the Capitol Dome. The two large skylights in the center of the photo will remain open to accommodate the lowering of materials from the plaza level to the lower level of the CVC. Later this summer, workers will install the glass panels for the skylights; (middle right) a worker assembles a scaffold that will be used to assemble a masonry block wall inside the Great Hall; (bottom right) workers secure pre-cast concrete tunnel sections in the utility tunnel that will eventually house the primary chilled water and steam lines that will feed the CVC; (above) an electrician connects a light fixture on the south side of the Food Service area.

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