



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Workers install metal framework that will help support a portion of the ceiling grid inside the CVC food services area.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 6/27/05 through 7/01/05**

### **CVC and East Front Plaza:**

- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect masonry block work and metal stud walls, place concrete, install finish stone, and apply plaster to interior corridors.
- Interior stud wall erection, sheetrock and plaster work will continue in the food services area and adjacent corridors. A concrete topping slab has been completed for the food service area floor space.
- Stone masons will continue installation of the original stone elements for the historic lanterns and fountains in the center of the East Front Plaza.
- Exterior wall stonework will continue along the pedestrian ramp on the south side of the CVC entrance zone. Crews have completed stone installation on approximately 80 percent of the north wall.
- Inside the Great Hall, stone crews will continue installing finish stone to the masonry block walls. Also, all eight interior block columns have been completed.

### **East Front Extension**

- Fireproofing is complete inside the 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**

- Crews have completed placement of all of the pre-cast concrete tunnel sections except for 10 units at the eastern end of the tunnel. The sections have been capped and gravel has been placed along the sides of the tunnel.
- 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 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. Pedestrian and disabled access will be maintained along the east side of Second Street.



Stone masons set a granite block from a quarry in Culpeper, VA., to the south-side retaining wall within the CVC entrance zone. The “split-face” cut of the granite is intended to mimic the Capitol’s historic perimeter retaining walls designed by Frederick Law Olmsted in 1874.

## **Next Week – 7/04/05 – 7/08/05**

### **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 metal stud walls, and install finish stone.
- Erection of metal studwalls and plaster work will continue in the food services area.
- Workers will continue placing stone for historic lanterns and fountains in the center of the East Front Plaza. Exterior wall stone installation will continue along the south side of the CVC entrance zone.

### **East Front Extension**

- Crews will continue to install mechanical systems and utilities, and continue elevator work.

### **East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel**

- Utility work will continue at First and Second Streets at the connection points with the new utility tunnel. 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.

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