



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Masons place a granite stone block for one of eight stone benches along the East Capitol Street Extension. Like most of the East Front Plaza, this area had served as a parking lot before construction began. When work is completed, the East Capitol Street Extension will become a grand central pedestrian promenade much the way landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted intended in his plan of 1874.

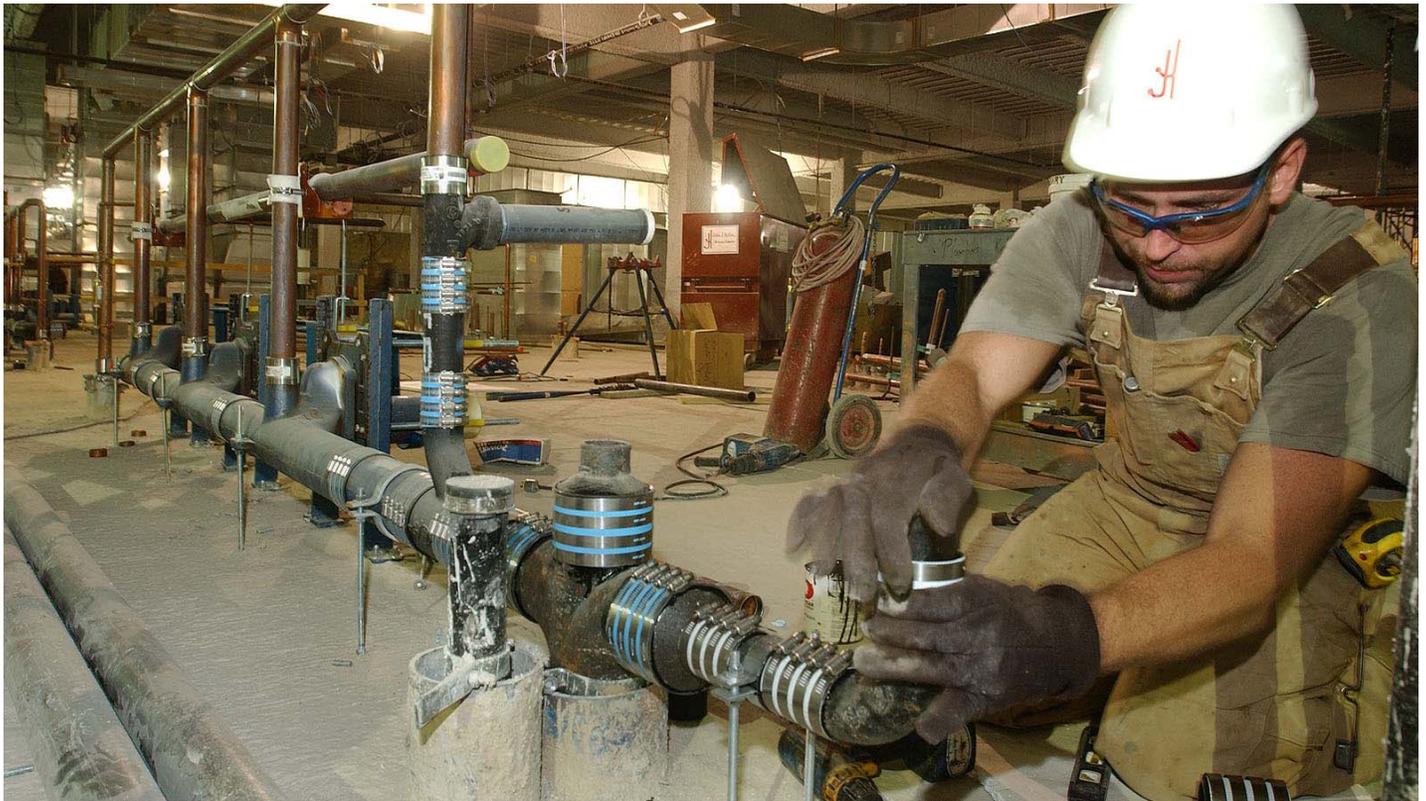
This Week – Ongoing Work – 7/04/05 through 7/08/05

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 have completed installation of the base stone for the historic lanterns and fountains in the center of the East Front Plaza. Masons have also begun assembling stone benches along the East Capitol Street Extension.
- 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.

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.



A pipefitter assembles a portion of the plumbing configuration in one of the CVC's 26 restrooms, which include 10 family restrooms.

East Capitol Street Utility 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. Barring any other unforeseen conditions, **two-way traffic along Second Street is expected to be restored on Monday, July 11.**

Next Week – 7/11/05 – 7/15/05

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 stud walls and plaster work will continue in the food services area and adjacent corridors
- Workers will continue placing stone for historic lanterns and fountains in the center of the East Front Plaza, and bench stone along the East Capitol Street Extension. 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.
- Two-way traffic is expected to return along Second Street NE/SE on Monday, July 11.

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