



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Sandstone rises nearly 30 feet along the south walls of the Great Hall. An information desk will be situated in front of the wall at left.

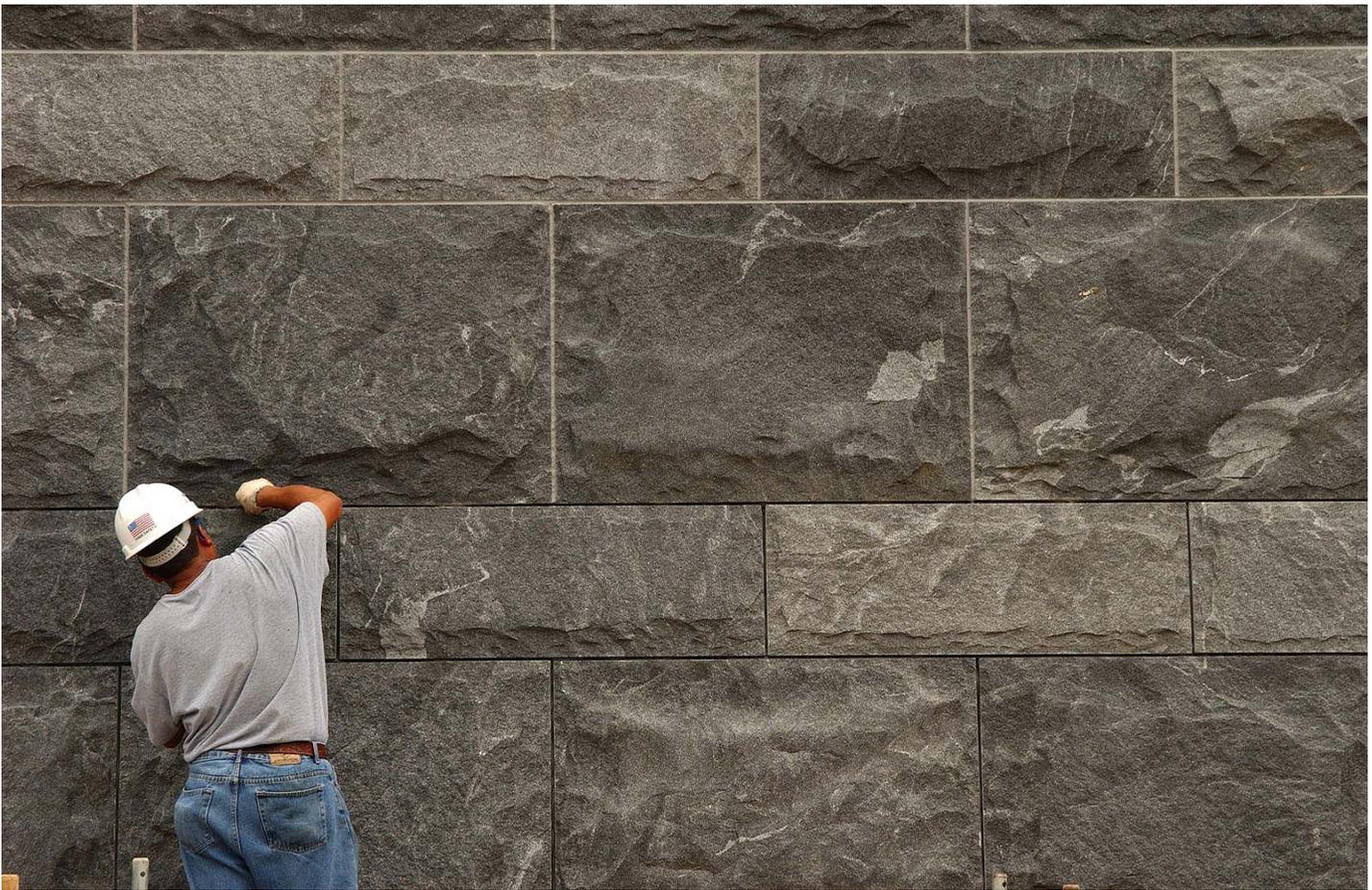
This Week – Ongoing Work – 7/11/05 through 7/15/05

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 will continue 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 90 percent of the north wall.
- Inside the Great Hall, stone crews will continue installing finish stone to the masonry block walls on the north side.
- The Sequence 1 contractor, Centex Construction Co., has removed its project trailer from the site.
- All 20 air handling units are in place, clearing the way for installation of adjacent piping and support steel.

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 stone mason applies grout between granite blocks on the retaining wall along the north pedestrian ramp that leads to the CVC entrance.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Two-way traffic has been restored along Second Street NE/SE, between Constitution Ave. and Independence Ave.
- 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.

Next Week – 7/18/05 – 7/22/05

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.
- Exterior wall stone installation will continue along the south side of the CVC entrance zone and stone installation will begin on the steps at the north side of the CVC entrance (photo at right).



A worker sets dowels in the steps near the north entrance to the CVC. The dowels will help support and anchor the granite blocks that will be positioned on the steps.

East Front Extension

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

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Utility work and temporary bridge construction will continue at First Street at the connection point with the new utility tunnel. Lane constrictions and pedestrian detours along First Street NE/SE will continue for several months.

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