



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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A worker wraps CVC air duct with insulation. In all, 20 large and sophisticated air handling units will control air flow throughout the CVC.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 7/18/05 through 7/22/05

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.
- 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.
- Installation of piping and support steel continues adjacent to the CVC's 20 air handling units.

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

- 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 – 7/25/05 – 7/29/05

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).



Workers maneuver a section of air duct into place in the CVC service level.

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.



Plaster work continues to progress in the food services area and in the corridors near the Congressional Auditorium (above).



A worker sets marble tile to a wall inside a CVC restroom. Each of the CVC restrooms will be accessible for persons with disabilities.

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