



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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A worker installs insulation around a water pipe connection point in a corridor that lies between the Great Hall and House expansion space.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 9/12/05 through 9/16/05

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 spaces.
- Stone crews will continue installing sandstone on the west wall of the Great Hall and inside both Orientation Theaters.
- The installation of marble tile has been completed in two restrooms, which will serve as mock-ups for other restrooms.
- Historic preservation crews continue to install stonework for the historic fountains and lanterns on the plaza.
- Construction of a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to the Capitol Visitor Center will continue adjacent to the House Steps and House Carriageway. Access will be maintained at all times to the House Carriageway Member and Staff Entrance, the South Door Entrance and the House Steps.
- Curb installation may begin this week near the Senate Steps and along the sidewalk that leads to Northwest Drive. While work continues to restore the Senate Plaza and historic elements, pedestrian access will be maintained at all times to the North Door Entrance and the Senate Carriageway Member and Staff Entrance.
- Crews continue layout activities and installation of underslab conduit and the floor topping slabs on the lower levels of the House and Senate Expansion Space. Installation of ductwork continues on the lower level of the House Expansion Space.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- First Street continues to be constricted at the intersection with East Capitol Street to allow utility work in this zone. A temporary bridge has been constructed over the work zone at the intersection and one lane of traffic is being maintained in each direction at all times. Access for pedestrians and persons with disabilities is available on the east side of First Street (along the Supreme Court and Library of Congress).
- Utility connections to steam and chilled water lines at Second Street are ongoing. All pre-cast concrete sections are now in place and final excavation work is ongoing near Second Street.
- Crews have begun the installation of 40-foot lengths of utility pipe within the new tunnel.

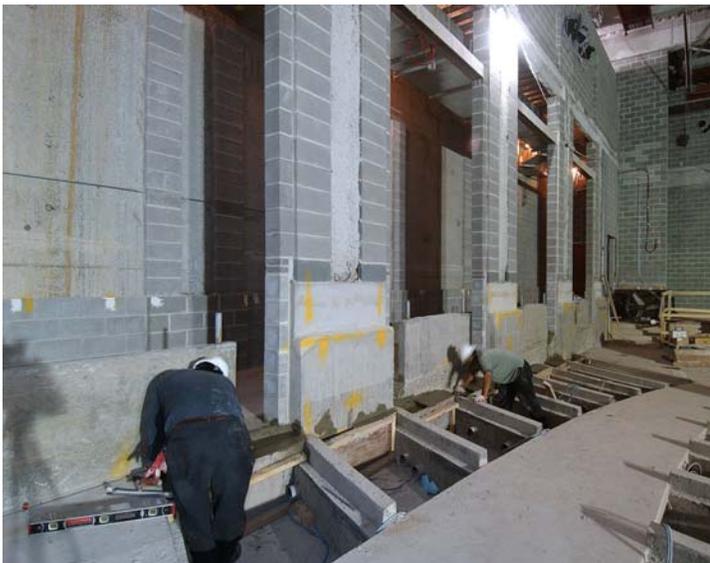
Next Week – 9/19/05 – 9/23/05

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, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on all three levels of the facility.
- Crews may begin erecting an exterior hoist (elevator for transport of materials) just south of the East Front Center Steps in front of the original House Wing. The hoist will be used to transport masonry blocks and other construction materials to all levels of the East Front Extension, which serves as the primary transition zone between the Capitol and the Visitor Center.
- Construction of a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to the Capitol Visitor Center will continue adjacent to the House Steps and House Carriageway. Access will be maintained at all times to the House Carriageway Member and Staff Entrance, the South Door Entrance and the House Steps.
- Restoration of the Senate Plaza will continue with the installation of curb stones. Vehicle access through the Senate Carriageway and to the Senate Steps is available for Member drop-off.
- Installation of pipe will continue inside the new utility tunnel along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets.



A worker installs sheetrock to a portion of the ceiling in the food service area on the lower level of the CVC. When completed, the dining space will be able to accommodate approximately 550 people.



Inside the Congressional Auditorium, workers level off small patches of concrete to prepare the space for installation of finish stone.



A stone mason sets a block of sandstone to the east wall of the CVC's Great Hall. Nearly 75 percent of the stone is in place inside the Hall.