



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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A worker helps guide a 40-foot steel pipe into place inside the CVC utility tunnel. Work on the tunnel will continue through the winter.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 9/26/05 through 9/30/05

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.
- Stone layout work is complete in the Congressional Auditorium and stone installation is ongoing at the base of the walls.
- 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 has resumed and excavation has reached a depth of eight feet below the 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 has begun near the Senate Steps and along the west sidewalk that leads to Northwest Drive. Work had been temporarily suspended as designers established the proper elevations for the Senate triangle. 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, ductwork and the floor topping slabs in the the House and Senate Expansion Space. Metal studwalls are now up in much of the middle level of the House expansion space surrounding a new committee hearing room.
- Materials will begin to arrive for a temporary hoist that will be erected adjacent to the Capitol near the Memorial Door (just south of the center steps). The hoist will be used to transport new mechanical equipment to the upper level of the Capitol. Access and emergency egress through the Memorial Door will be maintained at all times.



A construction crew places concrete for the floor topping slab on the upper level of the Senate 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.
- Utility connections to steam and chilled water lines at Second Street are ongoing. Most of the pre-cast concrete sections are now in place and crews will continue to install utility pipe within the new tunnel.

Next Week – 10/03/05 – 10/07/05

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.
- Construction of a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to the Capitol Visitor Center will continue in the 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 and granite pavers. 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. Related utility tie-in work will continue at the intersections of East Capitol Street with First and Second Streets.



Stone masons guide a piece of stone into place for one of six historic lanterns in the center of the East Front Plaza near the CVC entrances.