



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Stone work is nearly complete on the walls of the Great Hall and crews will soon begin assembling scaffolds across the floor of the Hall so that ceiling work can begin. Inset: A mason checks the level of a sandstone block at the base of a column inside the Great Hall.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 10/03/05 through 10/07/05**

### **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 and columns of the Great Hall, inside both orientation theaters and in the Congressional Auditorium. About 26 mason teams are expected to be on site by the end of next week.
- 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 continues inside 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 continues near the Senate Steps and along the west sidewalk that leads to Northwest Drive. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times to the North Door Entrance and the Senate Carriageway Member and Staff Entrance while work continues to restore the Senate Plaza and historic elements.
- Masons continue to install granite pavers on the East Front Plaza adjacent to the historic fountain on the north side.
- Crews continue installation of mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, underslab conduit, ductwork and floor topping slabs in the House and Senate Expansion Space. Metal stud walls are now up in much of the middle level of the House expansion space surrounding a new committee hearing room.

- Crews will erect a temporary hoist 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.

### **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 – 10/10/05 – 10/14/05**

### **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 the upper and middle 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.



**On a scaffold, a mason crew secures stone to the columns inside the north orientation theater as sunlight from an adjacent skylight illuminates the area. Inset: A mason sets a small sandstone block to the door framework at the upper level of the north orientation theater.**