



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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A worker applies a fireproofing material to the steel structural elements on the upper level of the CVC.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 2/07/05 through 2/11/05

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers continue to fireproof steel structural elements throughout the site.
- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect interior masonry block work, and install finish stone on the lower level.
- Stone and glass contractors continue installation of the smaller skylights near the face of the Capitol.
- Crews continue assembling the formwork for trench drains along the sloping pedestrian paths that lead to the CVC entrance from First Street.
- Stone masons have resumed installation of the granite paving stones on the East Front Plaza.

East Front Extension

- All major steel erection and demolition activities are complete inside the East Front.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical systems and utilities in this zone.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- East Capitol Street, between First and Second Streets, has been closed to vehicular traffic and will remain closed through October 15, 2005. Pedestrian and wheelchair access will be maintained at all times.
- Crews have completed saw-cutting through the asphalt and have begun demolishing the road bed.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- All structural work for the tunnel is complete. The transition zone between the tunnel and the LOC will be executed later this year under a separate contract.
- Sequence 2 crews continue installing utility conduit inside the tunnel.
- Final grading and landscaping work will occur this week and next to restore the grounds near the face of the LOC building.

Next Week – 2/14/04 – 2/18/05

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Workers will continue placing the granite paving stones on the CVC roof in the eastern half of the site.
- Crews will continue to install utilities, build mechanical spaces, place concrete, erect blockwork, and backfill and grade the zones near the CVC entrances.
- Installation of the smaller skylights near the face of the Capitol will continue.
- Sequence 1 crews will continue demobilizing equipment and trailers from the House and Senate eggs.



Workers secure sandstone to the walls of a skylight that is situated above a stairwell atrium located in the north end of the CVC.

East Front Extension

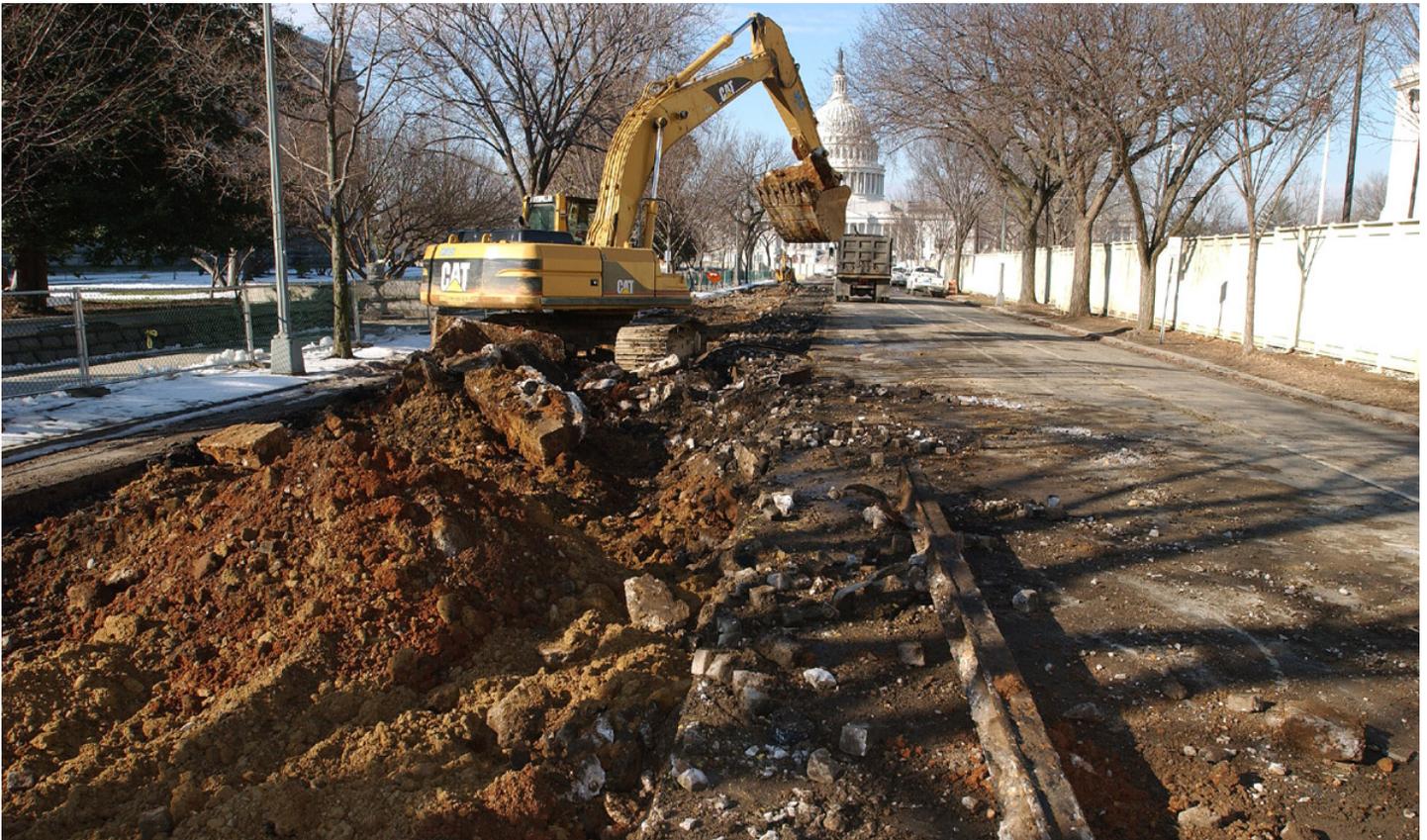
- Some minor demolition activities may occur.
- Crews will continue to install mechanical systems and utilities.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Demolition of the road bed will continue.
- Pedestrian and wheelchair access will be maintained along the south side of the street. Changes may occur this week to the traffic light sequencing at Second Street and Constitution Ave. to minimize delays at that intersection.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- Landscape restoration work is expected to continue above the easternmost end of the tunnel.
- Utility installation will continue inside the tunnel.



A back-hoe removes asphalt along East Capitol Street to clear the way for excavation of the primary utility trench for the CVC.

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