



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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## This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/25/05 through 4/29/05

### CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect masonry block work, and install interior marble and sandstone.
- Fireproofing is complete on all three levels inside the CVC. Fireproofing begins in the East Front Extension.
- Stone masons will continue installation of curb stones around the House and Senate eggs and across the center of the Plaza near the monumental stairs at the CVC entrances.
- Granite paving installation will resume on the eastern half of the site and exterior stonework will begin along the pedestrian ramp on the north side of the CVC entrance zone.

### East Front Extension

- Crews will continue installing mechanical systems related to the elevators on the south side of this zone and they are expected to complete installation of the vertical rails within the elevator shafts.

### East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Excavation of the trench between First Street and Second Street is complete. A crew will continue to place a concrete slab at the base of the trench. The slab will support the pre-cast concrete tunnel sections, which are expected to arrive in early May.
- First Street continues to be constricted to clear the way for utility work and the placement of a temporary bridge across First Street at its intersection with East Capitol Street. One lane of traffic will continue to be maintained in each direction at all times. Pedestrian access is available across East Capitol on the west side of First Street.

## Next Week – 5/02/04 – 5/06/05



Sequence 2 workers install ductwork to the ceiling above a staircase at the eastern end of the Great Hall. At right, Sunlight pours in through the Great Hall's south skylight.



In the Great Hall, a stone mason applies grout between two sandstone blocks.

### CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Crews will continue to install utilities, build mechanical spaces, place concrete, erect blockwork, and install finish stone. Fireproofing work may begin in the East Front Extension.
- Installation of additional drainage elements and structural foundation work will continue at the CVC entrance zones for the pedestrian ramps and stepped paths that slope down to the CVC entrances.
- Workers will continue placing the granite pavers on the East Plaza in the eastern half of the CVC site. Exterior stone installation will continue.



A worker prepares the ground at the base of the pedestrian ramp retaining wall on the north side of the CVC entrance zone. Stone masons are expected to begin installation of roughly cut granite blocks (center) to the wall later this week. The stones are intended to mimic the cut and color of the granite stones used by Frederick Law Olmsted in the late 1870s to build the low retaining walls along the perimeter of Capitol square.

**East Front Extension**

- Some minor demolition activities may occur.
- Crews will continue to install mechanical systems and utilities, and continue elevator work. Fireproofing of steel structural elements will continue.

**East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel**

- Work will continue on the utility trench to prepare it for the delivery of pre-cast concrete sections, which will arrive in May. Lane constrictions along First Street NE/SE will continue for several months.



A Sequence 2 worker installs a concrete masonry block to a column inside one of the CVC’s two orientation theaters.



Workers install ductwork in a CVC orientation theater.

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