



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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A stone mason secures an anchor to a stairwell block wall at the west end of the Great Hall. The anchor will help support one of approximately 8,500 pieces of stone to be set inside the Hall. Upon completion of the CVC, masons will have set more than 45,000 pieces of stone.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 11/28/05 through 12/02/05

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 stone inside the Great Hall on the columns and along the east walls, and in the upper level of the Congressional Auditorium. Stone work is essentially complete inside both orientation theaters. Stonework continues inside the Exhibition Gallery and masons have completed setting wall stone on the northeast wall. Masons have begun setting floor stone inside the Food Service area.
- On the Service Level, crews continue to make the electrical, duct and piping connections to the air handling units, fans and other mechanical equipment.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, place floor topping slabs, and erect metal stud walls and drywall.
- A stone crew will continue installing granite blocks on the south retaining wall leading to the CVC entrance.
- Foundation work continues below the House Carriageway as part of the effort to construct a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to House expansion space.
- Crews will continue to lay granite pavers in various zones on the Senate Plaza and along the sidewalk leading to the Senate Steps as restoration activities continue.



Stone masons set a granite block to the north exterior wall of the Congressional Auditorium. The rough cut of the stone echoes the historic perimeter walls.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- First Street continues to be constricted at the intersection with East Capitol Street to allow for utility work in this zone. Excavation near an existing gas line below First Street continues as crews prepare the zone for Washington Gas to reconfigure the gas line over the new utility tunnel. Excavation is expected to be completed this week.
- The utility connections to steam and chilled water lines at Second Street are ongoing and workers continue welding pipes inside the tunnel. Pipe has been installed in more than 400 feet of the 750-foot tunnel.
- Crews will continue placing concrete at the intersections of First and Second Streets. The concrete structure around an old book tunnel is complete and waterproofing is now complete at this location.

Next Week – 12/05/05 – 12/09/05

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.
- Installation of pipe will continue inside the new utility tunnel along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Related utility tie-in work and concrete placements will continue at First and Second Streets. Weather permitting, Washington Gas is expected to begin relocating an existing line that lies within the path of the new utility tunnel.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall, underslab conduit, ductwork and floor topping slabs in the House and Senate Expansion Space.
- Demolition will continue below the House Carriageway as part of the construction of a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to the Capitol Visitor Center.
- Restoration of the Senate Plaza and the adjacent sidewalk will continue with installation of granite pavers.