



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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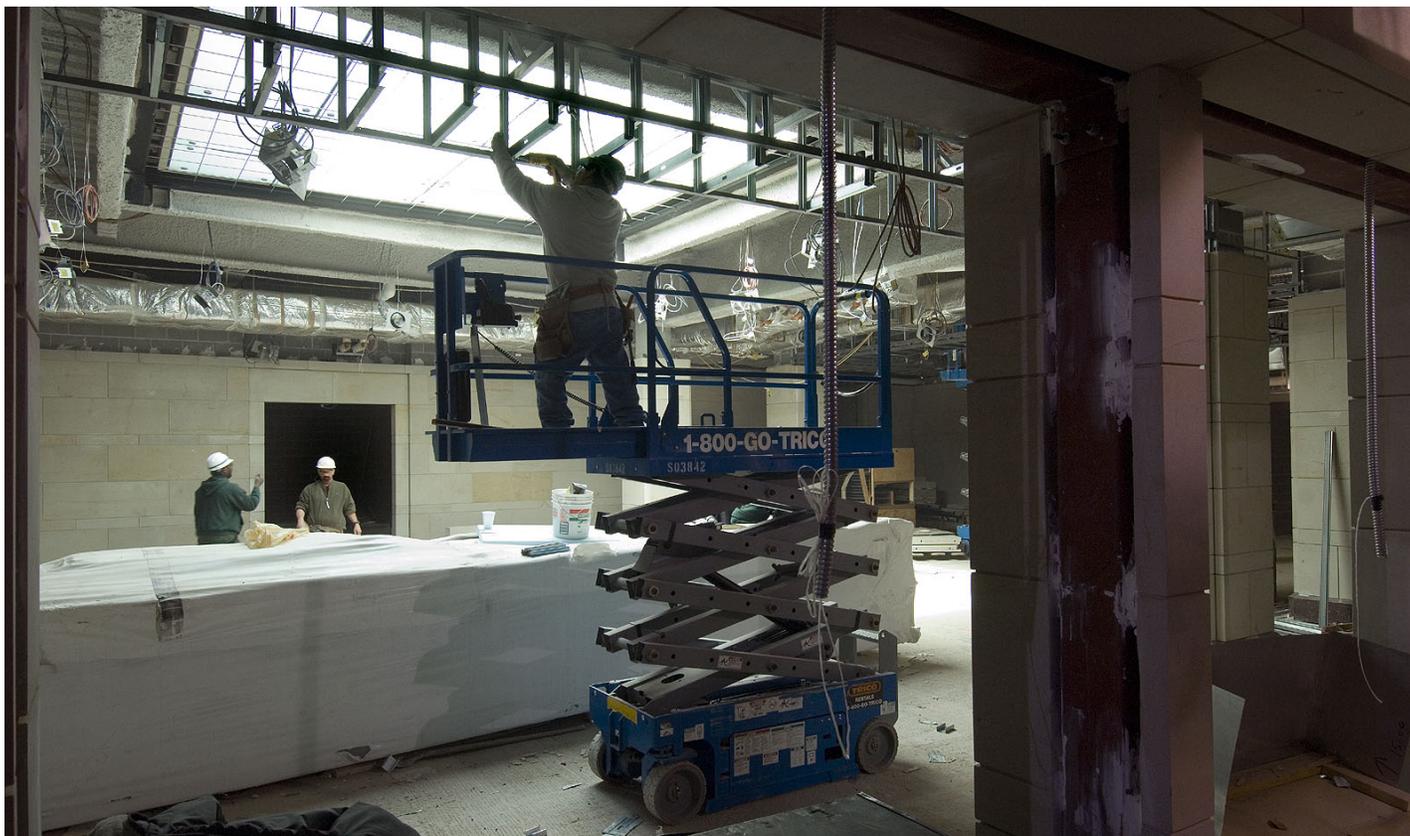


Workers in the north Orientation Theater install one of eight steel panels that will roll across the projection screen to allow the facility to be used for speaking engagements or other activities. The steel face of the panels will be hidden behind a cherry wood veneer.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 3/06/06 through 3/10/06

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 masons will continue to set base and wall stone in the CVC entrance zone.
- Workers have erected scaffolding in the Great Hall near the entrance to the Exhibition Hall and have completed framework for the vaulted ceiling in this zone. Scaffolding now occupies more than half of the Great Hall space.
- Inside the East Front, crews continue to prepare the zone for stone installation, which has begun at the lower level of the transition zone at the base of the escalator bank on the north side.
- A stone crew will continue installing granite blocks on the south exterior wall of the Congressional Auditorium. Concrete crews are working adjacent to the masons in this zone to prepare the area for the first of 85 new trees that will be planted this March. The trees will be planted first on the north side where foundation work is nearly complete.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall. Primer painting is nearly complete on the middle level of the House space and metal framework is nearly complete for the Senate Recording Studio on the upper level of the Senate expansion space. In mid-March, a stone crew may begin installation of stone in a stairwell atrium on the House side.
- Foundation work continues as part of the effort to construct a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to House expansion space. Two of three footings below the Capitol's east face have been removed.



A worker installs ceiling framing around a skylight near the south Orientation Theater. Upon leaving the theater, visitors will have an unprecedented view of the Capitol Dome, which, from that location, towers to a height of 305 feet to the top of the statue of Freedom.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- First Street NE/SE will be closed temporarily this Saturday, March 11, between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM, to allow utility work to be completed near the intersection of East Capitol Street.
- The utility connections to steam and chilled water lines are complete at Second Street and continue at First Street. Concrete placements have been completed and final installation of pre-cast sections at First and Second Streets will occur once all piping elements have been delivered inside the tunnel, expected by early this March.
- Street restoration activities, beginning with the placement of a 10-inch concrete slab over the tunnel will begin following the ongoing backfill work at Second Street.
- Crews continue to weld pipes, and install ventilation ductwork and piping insulation on all of the utility lines.

Next Week – 3/13/06 – 3/17/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- 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 base stone and wall stone may continue inside the East Front transition zone pending the review of sandstone from a new quarry.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork in the House and Senate Expansion Space.
- Foundation work will continue on the north side of the Congressional Auditorium for a stepped walkway and large planter boxes for Tulip Poplar trees.
- Installation and welding of pipe will continue inside the new utility tunnel along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Related utility tie-in work and backfilling activities will continue at First and Second Streets.
- Work on a 10-inch concrete slab will continue near Second Street as part of the effort to open the street to traffic later this spring.