



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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On April 10, 2006, landscape crews began to plant the first of 36 Tulip Poplar trees that will line walkways leading to the CVC entrances.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/10/06 through 4/14/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Masons will continue setting 900-lb. blocks of stone around the interior perimeter of the skylight at the south end of the Great Hall. Installation of the skylight is expected to begin in May upon completion of this stone work.
- Stone masons have nearly completed setting wall stone in the CVC entrance zone.
- Masons continue setting base stone within the lower level of the East Front within the CVC/Capitol transition zone.
- Workers continue ceiling work for the Great Hall's three barrel-vaulted ceiling alcoves.
- Floor stone installation continues in the CVC Exhibition Hall.
- Landscape crews have begun planting the first of 36 Tulip Poplar trees along both the north and south stepped walkways leading to the CVC entrances from First Street NE/SE (see photo above).
- Masons will continue to lay granite pavers on the plaza and will also continue setting red asphaltic stones in a herringbone pattern along the north edge of the East Capitol Street Extension. The south edge has been completed.
- Throughout the CVC portion of the project area, crews continue to install ceiling framework, drywall and plaster.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall. Masons will continue setting base stone in the House stairwell atrium.
- Wall "close-in" inspection work continues on the upper and lower level of the Senate Expansion Space and in the Service Level of the House Expansion Space.



Architect of the Capitol, Alan Hantman (right) points out some CVC ceiling details to Speaker of the House, Dennis Hastert , during a recent site walk.

- Demolition of a beam inside the East Front at the Rotunda level will occur during the evenings beginning late in the week and should be completed before the recess.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Concrete placements to restore the road bed along East Capitol Street will continue this week and concrete crews will continue moving west toward First Street over the next several weeks.
- Electricians, insulators and pipe welders continue working throughout the length of the tunnel in preparation of water line “flushing” tests, which may begin early next week.

Next Week – 4/17/06 – 4/21/06

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

- Landscape crews will prepare the soil beds along the exterior south wall of the Congressional Auditorium for 16 Tulip Poplar trees scheduled to be planted there beginning April 24, 2006.
- 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 will continue inside the East Front transition zone.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stone installation will continue in the stairwell atrium on the House side and layout may begin in the Senate stairwell atrium.
- Concrete placements will continue along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets to restore the road bed.
- Workers will continue installing pipe insulation inside the Utility Tunnel while electricians continue wiring work for all of the fire and life-safety systems, lighting, and other electrical elements.
- A new waterproofing membrane on the East Front Center Steps will be tested prior to the re-installation of the original granite step slabs, which is expected to begin in early May.

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