



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Framework is nearly complete in the House and Senate Expansion Spaces, which comprise approximately 170,000 square feet of building space.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/17/06 through 4/21/06

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 early May upon completion of this stone work.
- Stone masons have completed major wall stone installation in the Great Hall. Ceiling inspections are ongoing and pending their completion, expected early next week, drywall installation will begin on the framework of the Great Hall's three barrel-vaulted ceiling alcoves.
- Masons continue setting base stone and wall stone in the two lower levels and the Carriageway within the East Front transition zone (see photo above).
- Masons continue setting floor stone along the east half of the CVC Exhibition Hall. This week, crews may begin erecting scaffolding above the floor framework in the center zone of the Exhibition Hall. This will allow ceiling work to begin before the installation of floor stone is complete.
- Masons have completed setting granite pavers near the screening facility just north of the Senate Steps. The adjacent walkway and steps will be available to pedestrians later this week. Also on the Senate Plaza, landscape crews are expected to place new soil and sod within the Senate Triangle near the North Security Gate Entrance.

- Landscape crews have completed planting 16 Tulip Poplar trees along the north stepped walkway leading to the CVC entrance from First Street NE. Crews are now completing final preparations to the planter beds along the south walkway for the arrival of the 16 Tulip Poplar trees to be planted within that zone beginning next week.
- Masons have completed the major portion of granite paver installation (200,000 pieces) on the CVC roof deck. In May, crews will begin setting asphalt pavers in a more decorative pattern around the historic lanterns and fountains.
- 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 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.
- Demolition of a beam inside the East Front at the Rotunda level will occur during evening hours only and is expected to begin Monday, April 17, and be completed by the end of the week.



A mason (far right) completes a section of floor tile in the CVC Food Service Area.

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. A 10-inch concrete slab will be over nearly 75 percent of East Capitol Street, between First and Second Streets, by the end of the week.
- Insulators continue working throughout the length of the tunnel in preparation of water line “flushing” tests, which may begin this Wednesday, April 19.

Next Week – 4/24/06 – 4/28/06

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

- Landscape crews are expected to begin planting 16 Tulip Poplar trees along the south wall of the Congressional Auditorium within a stepped walkway leading to the CVC Entrance.
- Drywall installation may begin on the ceiling framework in the Great Hall.
- Floor stone installation will continue along the east side of the Exhibition Hall.
- 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 wall 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. Testing of the utility lines with water will continue. Workers will continue installing pipe insulation inside the Utility Tunnel.
- Testing of a new waterproofing membrane on the East Front Center Steps may continue in preparation for the re-installation of the original granite step slabs, which is expected to begin in early May.

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