



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Large photo: Masons set capstones along the perimeter of the south skylight above the Great Hall. **Inset:** From the upper level of the Capitol Visitor Center, a view of the Capitol is framed by the south skylight opening above the Great Hall. Skylight installation begins this week.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 5/8/06 through 5/12/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- A skylight installation contractor has completed preparatory work for the south skylight above the Great Hall. Installation of structural elements is expected to begin this week. Outside, masons are installing capstones around the perimeter of the south skylight. Masons also continue setting sandstone blocks around the north skylight perimeter.
- Drywall installation has begun on the ceiling vaults in the Great Hall.
- Masons continue setting base stone and wall stone in the two lower levels and the Carriageway within the East Front transition zone.
- Masons continue setting floor stones on both the east and west sides of the Exhibition Hall. Crews have completed assembling the scaffolding above the floor framework in the center zone of the Exhibition Hall. Drywall installation is expected to begin shortly following ceiling inspections this week.
- Masons will begin setting granite blocks on both walls flanking the steps on the north side of the CVC entrance zone, then continue south completing the facades of the CVC entrance zone, and finish with the walls of the south steps.

- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, the majority of framework is complete on all three levels in both spaces. Wall and ceiling “close-in” inspections for all of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety systems are ongoing.
- The installation of wall stone is essentially complete in the CVC’s Great Hall, Orientation Theaters, Exhibit Hall, Food Service Areas, Visitor Entrance Lobby and Theater Lobby. The CVC includes nearly 52,000 pieces of wall stone.
- Final demolition and foundation work for the House Connector Tunnel is expected to be completed this week clearing the way for waterproofing to begin.
- Three of four fire shutter doors have been installed in the East Front transition zone.



Workers assemble a portion of the escalators on the south side of the Great Hall.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- A 10-inch concrete slab is complete along East Capitol Street and at the intersection of First Street over the CVC utility tunnel. Masons are setting bricks along the curbs of East Capitol Street and paving activity may begin next week, weather permitting. It is expected that East Capitol Street will be available to traffic before the end of the May.
- Insulators and electricians continue working throughout the length of the tunnel and chilled water lines are now being filled to prepare for “flushing” of lines and follow-on testing.

Next Week – 5/15/06 – 5/19/06

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

- Drywall installation will continue on the ceiling framework in the Great Hall.
- Floor stone installation will continue along the east and west sides of the Exhibition Hall. Drywall installation may begin along the center zone of the Exhibition Hall where scaffolding has been erected.
- 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, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and lower levels of the facility.
- Installation of wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone.
- Masons will begin setting stone along the walls of two new emergency egress stairwells near the face of the Capitol.
- 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 Senate side. Wall and ceiling close-in inspections continue throughout both expansion spaces.
- Street restoration activities will continue to prepare East Capitol Street for paving, which may begin this week. A paint crew may be able to complete the striping plan for the street late in the week.



Drywall installation has begun on the ceiling in the Great Hall. A plaster finish will be applied later.

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