



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Nearly 35 feet above the Great Hall floor, a skylight installation crew has begun installing the glass panels for the south skylight.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 6/05/06 through 6/09/06**

### **CVC and East Front Plaza:**

- A skylight installation contractor continues installation of the south skylight above the Great Hall. Both the north and south skylights should be in place by mid-July.
- Drywall installation and plaster work is complete in the three ceiling vaults above the Great Hall and the work has been inspected and approved. Following the installation of acoustic panels in the ceiling soffits during the next two weeks, the scaffolding in the Great Hall will be dismantled and floor stone installation will begin.
- Masons continue setting base stone and wall stone in the two lower levels (basement and Crypt levels) of the East Front transition zone.
- Masons continue setting floor stone in the north half of the Exhibition Hall.
- Crews are completing the concrete work around the new trees along the pedestrian walkways leading to the CVC entrances.
- All mechanical systems and ductwork are in place in the Orientation Theater ceilings and inspections have been completed. Installation of millwork is expected to begin next week.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, the majority of framework and drywall installation 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.
- Masons are setting stone on all three levels of the House and Senate stairwell atria.
- Workers continue to assemble mechanical elements and finishes to escalators and elevators near the Great Hall.

## East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Preparatory street restoration work is complete on East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Milling of the existing asphalt on the north side of the street is also complete. This week, the DC Department of Transportation is expected to repair conduit and complete work to restore the operation of a traffic light at First Street. The street will be paved immediately following the completion of this work, expected at the end of this week.
- Insulators and electricians continue working inside the tunnel. Final connection work between the CVC tunnel and the existing utility tunnel below 2<sup>nd</sup> Street will begin pending completion of an asbestos abatement effort in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Tunnel.

## Next Week – 6/12/06 – 6/16/06

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

- Skylight installation will continue above the Great Hall. Pending the completion of ceiling panel installation in the Great Hall soffits, crews may begin dismantling the scaffolding throughout the Great Hall, clearing the way for floor stone.
- Floor stone installation will continue in the north half of the Exhibition Hall. Ceiling drywall installation is expected to continue along the center zone 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, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and lower levels of the facility.
- Installation of base and wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone at the upper level of the CVC and at the Crypt level inside the East Front of the Capitol.
- Masons will continue setting stone along the walls of an emergency egress stairwell near the face of the Capitol.



Painters complete the final touches on the soffits between the barrel-shaped ceiling vaults above the Great Hall. Crews are expected to begin dismantling the scaffolding in the Great Hall late next week, clearing the way for stone masons to begin installing 20,000 square feet of floor stone.



A CVC crew prepares a concrete foundation for the historic seat wall around the large grassy oval on the south side of the Plaza.

- 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 atria. Wall and ceiling close-in inspections continue throughout both expansion spaces.
- A contractor of the DC Department of Transportation will continue efforts to restore the electrical conduit for the traffic signal at First Street. Street paving and striping will be completed once the traffic signal is fully operational.
- A CVC landscape architect consultant is expected to inspect a paving mock-up of a decorative paving pattern to be used around the historic Olmsted-designed lanterns, fountains and seatwalls on the East Front Plaza.

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