96th Street Station Area

Announcements

Work zones have been set up on the east side of Second Avenue and utility work continues south of 97th Street. New sidewalks have been poured to the north, between 97th and 101st Streets. Work on the east side of the Avenue consists of utility work near 96th Street, continuing sidewalk restoration, and the building of a protected bike lane.

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SAS Community News

Second Avenue Subway at the Second Avenue Community Benefits Festival

On Sunday, May 22, visitors to the 34th Annual Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Second Avenue Community Benefit Festival received a welcomed break from the usual street vendors and food carts as they approached 78th Street. The Second Avenue Subway Experience filled the northern half of Third Avenue between 77th and 78th Streets, where visitors could have their questions answered by MTA Second Avenue Subway community outreach staff; listen to the sounds of Yaz Band (a participant in MTA Arts & Design’s Music Under New York program); stroll through a 50-foot “pop-up” R160 train; test-drive the Second Avenue Subway on the new portable simulator; or pose for a picture in front of one of the many large-scale maps and construction images.

The community outreach team handed out 1,000 “Q” balloons; over 1,500 printed cards that show the Phase 1 map; hundreds of subway maps; and pamphlets that highlighted the informative content from the first three exhibits housed at the Second Avenue Subway Community Information Center at 1628 Second Avenue. Children and adults alike had a wonderful time, and the bright yellow “Q” balloons could be seen above the crowd up and down the length of Third Avenue the entire day.

Community Information Center

With over 1,000 visitors last month, April was the CIC’s busiest month to date. CIC staff have been busy presenting to school groups of all ages - educating students about the history, design, and engineering of the project. Visit the CIC to view our current exhibit, “The People Behind The Project: Building the Second Avenue Subway” before it is replaced by our new exhibit, “Building the Second Avenue Subway: Phase 2 and Beyond” at the end of the month. The videos from “The People Behind the Project” will be archived in the interactive exhibit and available during regular CIC hours.

CIC HOURS of OPERATION

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. (second Saturday of the month)

96th Street area Community Liaison Alex Zamudio answers questions.

The construction update photos show:

- Installation of platform elevator.
- Installation of platform level finishes.
Project Overview

The future 96th Street Station will have three entrances with 10 escalators and one ADA accessible elevator from street level. The construction in this area involved heavy civil/structural work for the 96th Street Station, as well as tail track and connection to the future Phase II work north of 96th Street.

The follow-on contract includes the building of the station structure, installation of systems (traction, communications, heating and cooling, etc) and finishes. This work also includes the relocation of utilities and street and sidewalk restoration. This follow-on contracted will be complete Fall 2016.

Construction Update

SURFACE LEVEL

- Sidewalk restoration on the east side of Second Avenue.
- Utility tie-ins on east side of Second Avenue.
- Intermittent street closings on E. 93rd Street between First and Second Avenue. East 94th and 95th Streets will also be intermittently closed between Second and Third Avenues. These closures are necessary to support construction of the ancillary buildings and entrances and only take place as needed.

Underground

- Installation of conduits, lighting, and flooring throughout station area.
- Elevator installation at platform and street level.
- Installation of art wall tiles at mezzanine level and ceiling panels at platform and mezzanine level.
- Installation of granite pavers at platform level.

Work Hours

Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Work is permitted underground 24/7

For concerns regarding Second Avenue Subway construction activities after business hours or on weekends please use the SAS 24/7 hotline # (212) 792-9716

Follow the SAS project on the MTA website at http://mta.info/sas

For community related concerns, please contact Alexander Zamudio at Alexander.Zamudio@2avesubway.com or (212) 289-4184 ext. 2218