

# Second Avenue Subway

Newsletter



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## 96th Street Station Area

### Announcements

The contractor will be temporarily installing a “No Standing Anytime” sign on East 105th Street mid-block between Second and First Avenues for work on a Con Edison manhole. Up to fifteen parking spots will be removed during this time as work commences on the north side of East 105th Street and then moves to the south side of East 105th St. This work is expected to be complete by early April.



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### SAS Project News



Installation of rebar (reinforcing steel) for the invert slab in the main station

MTA Capital Construction’s Second Avenue Idol contest came to a thrilling conclusion over the Presidents’ Day weekend as online voters chose a male and female voice to be the featured narrators for the first exhibit at the Second Avenue Subway Community Information Center.

**Bill Bunting** and **Joanna Bonaro** were crowned Second Avenue Idols after a five-month process. Dozens of applicants responded to a casting call by emailing recordings or calling into a dedicated phone line. A panel of judges narrowed them down to six finalists, who recorded audio samples in a professional studio that were put to an online poll. When the ballots of more than 1,900 voters were tallied, Bunting and Bonaro were selected to be the voice of the Second Avenue Subway Community Information Center.

### Construction Update

#### SURFACE LEVEL

- Intermittent street closings will continue on 93rd, 94th, and 95th Streets between First and Second Avenues, and between Second and Third Avenues on 94th Street. Street closures are in place for project-wide excavation and structural work.
- 93rd and 95th Streets between Second and Third Avenues will be closed for a few hours in early March in order to pave the currently uneven roadways.
- During replacement of the hangers supporting the gas mains beneath the roadway deck panels, the contractor is closing an additional lane on Second Avenue between 92nd and 95th Streets from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This work began in mid-February and is expected to be completed the first week of April.
- The contractor will be closing an additional lane on the east side of Second Avenue between 92nd and 94th Streets one day per week for three weeks in March for concrete truck staging for three pours. The schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather.
- Continued mass excavation of the main tunnel under Second Avenue between 95th and 99th Streets, including Ancillary 1, Ancillary 2, and Entrances 1, 2, and 3. Mass excavation is scheduled to be complete project-wide by early April.
- Trucks and excavating equipment will be present within work zones along Second Avenue for soil removal from the main station area.
- A new sewer manhole is being installed on the east side of Second Avenue between 105th and 106th Streets.

#### Underground

- MTA Contractors will continue working a “swing shift” from 3:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in addition to their regular day shift to perform demolition of the concrete benches in the existing north tunnel, from 99th to 105th Streets.
- Structural repairs will begin in the existing north tunnel between 99th and 105th Streets.
- Installation of the base concrete mat continues underneath Second Avenue between 95th and 99th Streets in areas where the excavation is complete.
- Installation of PVC waterproofing and concrete invert (base) slab continues in the launch box under Second Avenue between 92nd and 93rd Streets.
- Casting of the concrete walls that will support the second mezzanine level slab, under Second Avenue between 92nd and 93rd Streets, will begin.
- Removal of the bulkhead at 99th Street that separates the existing north tunnel from the new construction will begin.
- Removal continues for the lower level struts that have temporarily braced the slurry walls between 92nd and 95th Streets.

### Work Hours

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 7:00AM TO 10:00PM

SATURDAY: 10:00AM TO 7:00PM

Work is permitted underground 24/7.

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### Project Overview

The Second Avenue Subway (SAS) project is New York City's first major expansion of the subway system in over 60 years. The first phase of the SAS project will provide service from 96th Street to 63rd Street as an extension of the existing Q Line train. Q Line service will divert west along the 63rd Street line, stopping at the 63rd Street/Lexington Av Station where riders can continue on the Q Line to Midtown/Brooklyn, or transfer to the F Line.

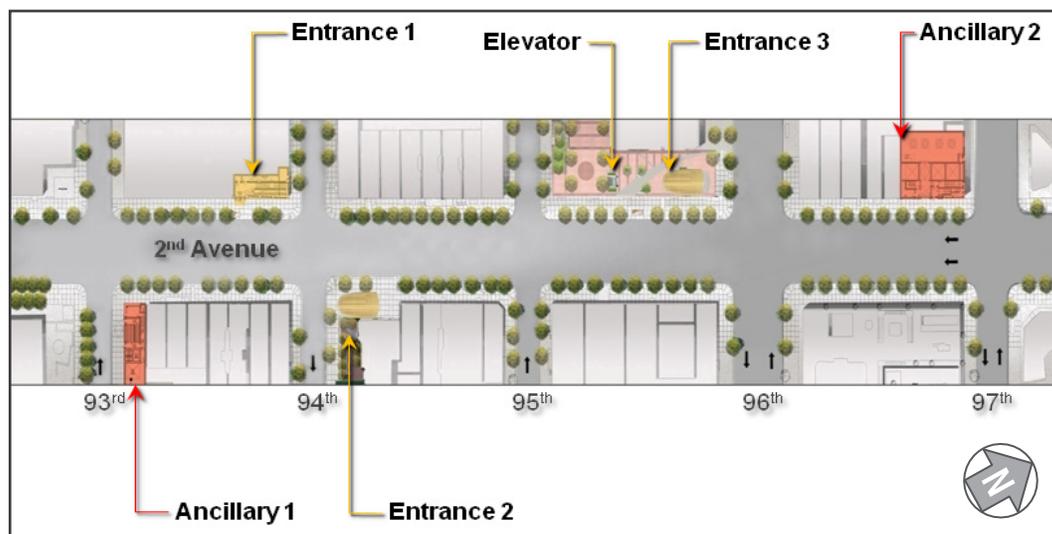


Future entrance of the 96th Street Station on Second Avenue.

This first phase of the project, when operational in December 2016, will provide the following benefits:

- Improved subway access for Manhattan's East Side, bringing transit service closer to those who walk a long distance to the Lexington Avenue 4 5 6 Line.
- Reduced overcrowding and improved reliability on the Lexington Avenue Line, the city's most heavily used subway line.
- Improved subway access for people with disabilities, as all new stations will be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

### Station Overview



Overview map of future station entrances and ancillary structures at the 96th Street Station.

The future 96th Street Station will have three entrances with 10 escalators and one ADA accessible elevator from street level. The construction in this station area involves:

- 1) Mining of tunnels between 92nd Street and the existing Lexington Av/63rd Street Station (Completed in September 2011).
- 2) Construction of heavy civil/structural work for 96th Street Station which will be completed by July 2013.

Work at this station includes utility relocation, demolition of existing buildings, underpinning, slurry wall construction, cut and cover tunnel excavation, and construction of the station invert slab of the main station box, entrances, and ancillary structures.

The follow-on contract work including building of the station structure, systems and finishes will be complete in November 2015.

#### 96th Street Station Structure

Contractor:  
**EE Cruz & Tully, JV**

Budget:  
**\$351.1 Million**

Award Date:  
**May 2009**

Contract Forecast Completion:  
**June 2013**

#### TBM Tunnels and Shafts

Contractor:  
**S3 Tunnel Constructors, JV**

Budget:  
**\$392.9 Million**

Award Date:  
**March 2007**

Contract Actual Completion:  
**March 2012**

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