Rail section deliveries began the week of September 23rd and were lowered into the cavern at East 92nd Street. This process is tentatively scheduled to be repeated on October 18th at 97th Street for a delivery of 220 tons of rail. Due to Department of Transportation oversized load restrictions, the trucks carrying the rail travel overnight and will be staged between 102nd and 103rd Streets until they can lower the rails into the tunnel. It is anticipated that this job will take approximately seven days to complete and work will occur between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Trucks delivering the rails will be dispatched one at a time to the work zone on East 97th Street.

This work will not require any street closures and trucks will take no more than 15 minutes to back into the work zones each day. During overnight truck staging, truck engines will be turned off according to the idling regulations.

There will be no work Monday, October 14th, in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

**SAS Project News**

The Second Avenue Subway Community Information Center (CIC), located at 1628 Second Avenue, has received over 1,200 visitors since opening in July. As part of the feedback we have received from visitors, we will be adjusting our hours to stay open later and begin opening on weekends. Starting this month the CIC will be open the second Saturday of every month from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.; please see below for new weekday hours:

Monday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Noon - 8 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Thursday: Noon - 8 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (second Saturday of each month)

**Coming in October at the CIC:**

Thursday 10/17 6-8 p.m.: Why So Long of a Wait? CIC Director Laura MacNeil answers the question in a guided tour of the History of the Second Avenue Subway exhibit.

Saturday Hours: 10/12 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Thursday 10/24 6-8 p.m.: Best of MTACC Construction Videos - Senior Project Manager Manan Garg moderates a screening of videos from Second Avenue Subway and other MTACC projects.

*** Stop by the CIC in October to enter for a chance to win a spot for you and a guest on an underground tour of the Second Avenue Subway project. Visitors to the CIC can enter into a random drawing for a future tour, winner to be selected at the end of the month.
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 involves construction of heavy civil/structural work for 96th Street Station which will be completed by September 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 December 2015.

Construction Update

**SURFACE LEVEL**

- Intermittent street closings will occur on East 93rd, East 94th, and East 95th Streets between First and Second Avenues, and on East 94th Street between Second and Third Avenues. Street closures are necessary for project-wide structural work.
- All four lanes of traffic are now open on Second Avenue between East 97th and 101st Streets.
- Second shift (3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.) work will resume through early October, work includes:
  - Removal of Entrance 3 (southwest corner of 96th Street and 2nd Avenue) “knock-out panels” (temporary concrete bulkheads)
  - Ancillary 2 (southwest corner of 97th Street and 2nd Avenue) cleanup and demolition of temporary concrete diaphragm slabs.
  - Trucking and disposal of concrete and debris.
- New fence wrap continues to be installed throughout the station area and pedestrian separators continue to be added to crosswalks.
- The manhole installation on the north and south sides of East 105th Street is now complete. The work zone on the north side was removed in September, while the work zone on the south side will remain as it provides an entrance to the north tunnel.
- The contractor is working to connect piping to a newly installed sewer manhole at East 105th Street

**Underground**

- The contractor is in the process of installing a masonry (concrete block) wall in order to divide the north tunnel into two separate components (for future uptown and downtown bound trains). This work is for fire protection in the existing tunnel, built in the 1970s.
- Excavation at both Ancillary 1 and 2 is complete. The invert slabs for these ancillary buildings have been cast and the contractor is now in the process of removing the temporary wall bracing above the invert slabs and waterproofing the foundation walls.
- Casting of the concrete walls that will support the second mezzanine level slab under Second Avenue between 92nd and 93rd Streets is complete.
- The contractor continues to install the mezzanine slab.
- The contractor will proceed with the construction of the subway roof slab.

**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

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