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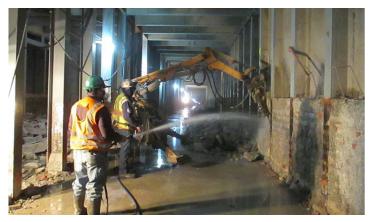
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Announcements

MTA Opens Voting For Second Avenue Idol - Public to Decide Narrators for Upcoming Interactive Exhibit

Online voting is open to select one male and one female narrator for an interactive exhibit that will debut at the Second Avenue Subway (SAS) Community Information Center, scheduled to open this spring at 1628 Second Avenue.

More than 60 auditions were received, which were whittled down to six finalists by a panel of MTA Capital Construction judges. The public can listen to the auditions of all six and cast their votes for their favorite male and female voices at **surveymonkey.com/s/SASIdol**. Voting will be open through February 17th.



Demolition of benches in the existing North Tunnel, January 2013

SAS Project News



96th Street Station Area Workshop Table

On January 30, 2013 the fifth **SAS Public Workshop** was held. Attended by 84 participants, discussion topics included safety, the construction schedule, and quality of life issues. The full workshop report will be available in coming weeks.

Work Hours

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 7:00AM TO 10:00PM SATURDAY: 10:00AM TO 7:00PM Work is permitted underground 24/7.

Construction Update

SURFACE LEVEL

- Intermittent street closings will continue between First and Second Avenues on 93rd, 94th, and 95th Streets, and between Second and Third Avenues on 94th Street. Street closures are in place for project-wide excavation and structural work.
- Continued mass excavation of the main tunnel underneath Second Avenue between 95th and 99th Streets, including Ancillary 1, Ancillary 2, and Entrance 2. Mass excavation to be complete project-wide by the end of March 2013.
- Excavation work begins at two entrances: Entrance 1 (southwest corner of 94th Street and Second Avenue), and Entrance 3 (west side of Second Avenue between 95th and 96th Streets).
- Trucks and excavating equipment present within work zones along Second Avenue for soil removal from tunnel area.
- Installation of a new sewer manhole on the east side of Second Avenue between 105th and 106th Streets.

Underground

- MTA Contractors will be working a "swing shift" from 3:30 PM to 11:00 PM for the month of February 2013. This work will be underground to perform demolition of the concrete benches in the existing North Tunnel, from 99th to 105th Streets. As a reminder, work is permitted underground 24/7.
- Demolition work continues (Contract 2B work) in the existing North Tunnel between 99th and 105th Streets.
- Begin structural repairs in the existing North Tunnel between 99th and 105th Streets.
- Installation of steel bracing for excavation between 95th and 99th Streets.
- Continued installation of PVC waterproofing and concrete invert (base) slab in the launch box underneath Second Avenue between 92nd and 93rd Streets.
- Removal of lower level temporary struts that have temporarily braced the slurry walls between 92nd and 95th Streets.

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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 Lexington Av/63rd Street Station where riders can continue on the Q Line to Midtown/Brooklyn, or transfer to the Line.



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

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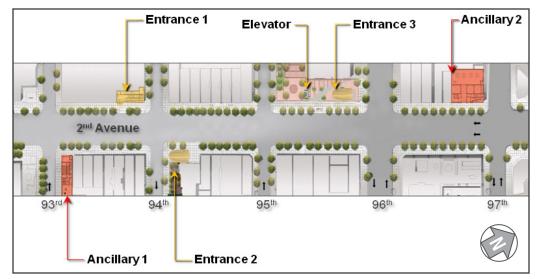
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This first phase of the project, when operational in December 2016, will provide the following benefits:

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