

Subject: Second Avenue Subway-Lexington Av/63rd Street Station Area Construction Advisory Committee Meeting #2 Summary

Greetings,

On Thursday morning, February 23rd, 2012, MTA Capital Construction (MTACC) hosted its second Second Avenue Subway (SAS) Monthly Construction Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting, at the Royale Building. These meetings are intended for stakeholders (building managers, co-op and condo board representatives, buildings not represented by boards, community association leaders and business owners), with the MTACC SAS project staff and the Contractor making a presentation and answering questions. The information and discussion is specific to the affected area of the SAS Lexington Avenue/63rd Street Station Area.

Please see below a summary of key points and follow-up actions from the meeting, in addition to any relevant updates since the meeting was held. Please feel free to forward this email to the larger group you represent to apprise them of the ongoing work taking place in these committee meetings. We welcome your comments and hearing about any concerns that you might have.

- The current work in this area is to reconstruct the existing Lexington Av/63rd Street Station, which involves excavation for the construction of entrance and ancillary facilities, removal and upgrade of the structural elements within the existing subway station, and a traction power connection to the Lexington Av/59th Street Station on the Q Line. This work should be completed by spring of 2014.
- The Contractor is continuing installation of temporary and permanent structural steel on the mezzanine and station platforms. This work will reframe the underground station box in the vicinity of 63rd Street and Third Avenue to install four new elevators, and providing additional passenger access to the Lexington Av/63rd Street Station.
- The 72nd Street Station contractor has completed major blasting associated with the new tunnel connection to Lexington Av/63rd Street Station. The blasting was occurring in the "horseshoe tunnel" and "stub cavern" which curves west from 65th to 63rd Street (between Second and Third Avenues). There is some minor blasting still to be completed, however, we expect all blasting to be completed by the third week of March.

- Pre-construction work (surveys, installation of monitors, digging of test pits, etc.) will begin shortly to construct the future subway entrance at the southeast corner of 63rd Street and Third Avenue.
- Construction at the ancillary structure in the future plaza at the northwest corner of 63rd Street and Third Avenue is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2013.
- Construction to build the future entrances at the northeast corner of 63rd Street and 3rd Avenue and the southwest corner of 63rd Street and Third Avenue will occur from mid- to late 2013, with only a few months of construction.
- A stakeholder inquired about the duration of the Royale building's scaffolding and the future use of the plaza in the northwest corner of 63rd Street and Third Avenue. The scaffolding will most likely to be dismantled in a few months.
- The Food Emporium's use of the plaza in the past was discussed and some stakeholder's commented it should be maintained as a public amenity once the entrance for the subway is completed. MTACC and the attendees agreed this area should be kept clean in order to avoid any pest control issues.
- Please note the next CAC meeting will be held in mid- to late April. Because MTACC is hosting its second public workshop on March 20th, as well as attending the Community Board 8 Second Avenue Subway Task Force meeting on March 28th, it was decided that having the next CAC meeting in April was the best use of everyone's time.