

Second Avenue Subway-Lexington Av/63rd Street Station Area Construction Advisory Committee Meeting #1 Summary

On Friday morning, January 20th, 2012, MTA Capital Construction (MTACC) hosted its first Second Avenue Subway (SAS) Monthly Construction Advisory Committee Meeting, at the Royale Building. These meetings are intended for representatives of buildings, the community 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 Av/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 will be installing a temporary employee changing trailer on the northeast corner of 64th Street and Third Avenue. This trailer will be removed in the spring of 2014.
- The Contractor will begin to mobilize a staging area for construction of future station entrances at the southeast and southwest corners of Third Avenue and 63rd Street. Mobilization will occur in the spring of 2012.
- The Contractor is continuing demolition on upper and lower platforms of the existing Lexington Av/63rd Street Station and installation of new, additional stair connections between upper and lower platforms to accommodate increased passenger volume and transfers when SAS, Phase 1, is put in service.
- 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 is continuing blasting associated with the new tunnel connection to Lexington Av/63rd Street Station. The blasting is occurring in the "horseshoe tunnel" and "stub cavern" which curves west from 65th to 63rd Street (between Second and Third Avenues). Due to the curvature of the tunnel in this section, it was not feasible to use the TBM to connect the two stations. Blasting in this area should be completed by the end of March 2012.
- Daily pre-blast notifications and late night underground drilling activities are now emailed to stakeholders. To sign up, contact claudia.wilson@2avesubway.com. In response to a question at the meeting, should owners observe any damage during construction, they should immediately report it to Claudia to file a claim.
- In response to concerns regarding nearby controlled blasting as part of the 72nd Street Station contract MTACC has taken the following action to install monitoring equipment for the Treadwell Farms Historic District:

- Based on the request to monitor blast vibrations in buildings on East 61st and East 62nd Streets between Second and Third Avenues, MTACC engineers have reviewed and determined that two additional seismographs deployed on East 62nd Street should provide sufficient monitoring data for all houses in the district. It should be noted that until appropriate locations for monitoring equipment can be properly secured in order to gather data, MTACC has placed a temporary portable seismograph during blasting on the sidewalk in front of 235 East 62nd Street (Lot 115) one of the original locations where site logistics did not permit installation.
- The MTA's engineers have visited and spoken with several residents on the list provided to us to determine suitable locations for the installation of the requested seismograph equipment. The following buildings have been contacted by telephone and/or email, the results are as follows:

§ Block 1417 Lot 9 - 217 East 62nd Street, NY, NY:
Refused installation

§ Block 1417 Lot 115 - 235 East 62nd Street, NY, NY:
Site Logistics do not allow for installation

§ Block *** Lot 113 - 229 East 62nd Street, NY, NY:
Agreed to permanent installation during the week ending 2/10/12

▪ Block *** Lot 105 – 207 East 62nd Street, NY, NY: by email only (no telephone available) –**Awaiting response from owner**

▪ Block *** Lot 15 – 233 East 62nd Street, NY, NY: by telephone – **Awaiting response from owner**

- Initial peak vibration levels for basement installations are available within a few hours of a given blast event. Vibration reports upon request can be transmitted to the individual building owners within a week of each blast event, which is a similar procedure MTACC has followed with other buildings within the blast influence zone.