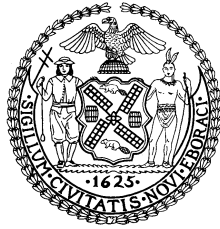


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SECOND AVENUE SUBWAY TASK FORCE
Manhattan Community Board 8
Thursday, January 22, 2015
The Ramaz School Auditorium
6:30 PM

Present: Michele Birnbaum, Barbara Chocky, Susan Evans, A. Scott Falk, Ed Hartzog, Craig Lader, Rita Popper, Margaret Price, David Rosenstein, Barbara Rudder, Judy Schneider, M. Barry Schneider, Elaine Walsh

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

1. Construction Updates

Presented by Tom Peyton. Project Director, MTA Capital Construction
The complete PowerPoint presentation is available at:

<http://cb8m.com/updates/021215-janaury-22nd-cb8-sas-task-force-meeting-draft-jorm>

2. Streetscape

Presented by Richard Mulieri, Senior Director, Government and Community Affairs, MTA Capital Construction
The complete PowerPoint presentation is available at:

<http://cb8m.com/updates/021315-presentation-cb8-sas-tf-1-22-14>

3. Q & A

The following are questions raised at the meeting and the answers were subsequently provided to the Community Board by Richard D. Mulieri.

Q. Will there be ADA access to the 96th Street station in Rite Aid plaza.

A. 96th Street as well as all other Phase 1 Second Avenue Subway stations will be ADA accessible via elevator. At 96th Street, the elevator is located on the east side of Second Avenue.

Q. How many restrooms will be in each station?

A. There will be one men's and one women's restroom in each Phase 1 Second Avenue Subway station.

Q. How many trees will be replanted in the CB8 area?

A. The plan calls for 244 trees to be replanted along the construction corridor. That number is subject to change, depending on conditions such as the location of utilities and other factors.

4. Action items.

Following the Q & A period, the following resolutions were proposed and voted on:

A.

Whereas the Second Avenue subway will be completed in 2016, and

Whereas Second Avenue's streetscape has been damaged by years of construction, and

Whereas residents' and merchants' quality of life has been disrupted, and

Whereas the Metropolitan Transit Authority is committed to restoring what they have displaced, and

Whereas the MTA stated that they would like to leave the streetscape better than it was before construction, and

Whereas the MTA stated that they have the budget to do so, and

Whereas there are design choices that can only be made by having knowledge of the needs and appropriateness for each street, and

Whereas the community would like input on those choices,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 requests that the MTA work with the Department of Transportation and the Department of Design and Construction to formulate and present to Community Board 8 a comprehensive block by block street plan for the Second Avenue Alignment from 105 to 65th Streets, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this work be completed in a timely manner so as to permit enough time for discussion and implementation.

The Vote: 13 – 0 – 0

In favor: Birnbaum, Chocky, Evans, Falk, Hartzog, Lader, Popper, Price, Rosenstein, Rudder
J. Schneider, M. B. Schneider, Walsh

B.

Whereas there are currently five lamppost designs authorized by the Department of Transportation for use on Second Avenue;

Whereas the Department of Transportation presented the options to the Second Avenue Subway Task Force members as representatives of Community Board Eight; and

Whereas the Bishops Crook Lamppost is not a Department of Transportation standard, and

Whereas the Bishops Crook Lamppost was recently installed along East 86th Street; and

Whereas Bishops Crook Lampposts would provide lamppost design continuity between 86th Street and Second Avenue,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 urges the Department of Transportation to accept and maintain the Bishops Crook Lamppost, or something similar, along the Second Avenue alignment from 105 to 65 Streets.

The Vote: 8 – 5 – 0

In favor: Birnbaum, Chocky, Evans, Hartzog, Popper, Price, Rudder, Walsh

Opposed: Falk, Lader, Rosenstein, J. Schneider, M. B. Schneider

C.

Whereas the stainless steel benches proposed by the Department of Transportation are unacceptably cold in the winter and unbearably hot in the summer,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 urges Department of Transportation to propose an alternative material to both Stainless Steel Benches currently proposed for the Second Avenue Subway Streetscape

The Vote: 7 – 4 - 2

In favor: Birnbaum, Chocky, Evans, Popper, Price, Rudder, Walsh

Opposed: Lader, Rosenstein, J. Schneider, M. B. Schneider

Abstaining: Falk, Hartzog

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Respectfully submitted, M. Barry Schneider, SAS TF Co-Chair