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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

SECOND AVENUE SUBWAY TASK FORCE

Manhattan Community Board 8 Thursday, February 28, 2013 Ramaz School, 125 East 85<sup>th</sup> Street, Auditorium 6:30 PM

Present: Barbara Chocky, Susan Evans, Rita Popper, Margaret Price, David Rosenstein, Barry Schneider, Judy Schneider

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

1. Construction Updates

Presented by Tom Peyton, Program Director for the Second Avenue Subway Construction

2. Entrance 1 (NE Corner of 69 St. and 2 Ave) – 72 Street Station Proposed Alternate Design

Presented by Judith Kunoff, AIA, Chief Architect, New York City Transit

The complete PowerPoint presentation can be found at: <u>http://www.mta.info/capconstr/sas/documents.html</u>

Once at the site, scroll down to:

PRESENTATIONS, Community Board 8 Presentations and then click on 2012 - 2013 CB8 Project Updates – February 28

Following the MTA presentation, members of the public made comments and asked questions of the representatives of the project. Their answers will be provided to the Community Board and will be posted on our website, www.cb8m.com.

Members of the Board pointed out that there has been an increase in the rodent population associated with the construction site at the northeast corner of Second Avenue and E. 93<sup>rd</sup> Street. Since there was

no one representing the NYC Department of Sanitation and the Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, the co-chair said he would bring the matter to the attention of the DOS.

One issue that was raised by a member of the public is the elevator service at the E. 86<sup>th</sup> Street Station. The point was made that if either one of the two elevators is out order the station is no longer handicapped accessible. The following resolution was proposed:

WHEREAS the 86<sup>th</sup> Street station for the Second Avenue Subway is being designed with one elevator from street to mezzanine and one from mezzanine to platform, and

WHEREAS the MTA's goal for the availability of an elevator is 96.5% which translates into a total of about 22 days per year of service outage for the two elevators at the 86<sup>th</sup> Street Station, and

WHEREAS whenever either one of the two elevators is out order the station is no longer handicapped accessible, and

WHEREAS while the current design meets all Federal, State and local laws, it does not meet the needs of the community,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Manhattan Community Board 8 strongly urges the MTA to include a second set of elevators for the 86<sup>th</sup> Street Station to solve a serious accessibility concern of the community.

Following a discussion in which the point was made that the resolution was too tightly written, a motion to table was proposed, seconded and passed 7-0-0 (Barbara Chocky, Susan Evans, Rita Popper, Margaret Price, David Rosenstein, Barry Schneider, Judy Schneider).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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