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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

SECOND AVENUE SUBWAY TASK FORCE

Manhattan Community Board 8 Tuesday, February 18, 2015 NY Blood Center, Auditorium 310 East 67th Street (Between 1st & 2nd Avenues) 6:30 PM

Present: Lowell Barton, Barbara Chocky, James Clynes, David Rosenstein, Barry Schneider, Judy Schneider.

Timothy Yeo

Excused Absences: Susan Evans, Rita Popper, Margaret Price, Cos Spagnoletti

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

The complete PowerPoint presentation is available at:

http://web.mta.info/capital/sas_pdf/2014_February_18th_CB8_Const_update_Final.pdf

2. Questions & Answers

A resident inquired as to the number of escalators at 86thSt. Station?

- Entrance #1 at E.83rd Street 3 escalators from street to mezzanine and 3 escalators from mezzanine to platform.
- Entrance #2 at E. 86th Street 4 escalators from street to Yorkshire basement, 2 from the
 east facing and 2 from the west facing entry points; and 3 escalators from basement to
 mezzanine. Access to platform is via escalators noted above.

Co-Chair Barry Schneider asked for the link to a recent blog post on the future art to be featured in the new SAS Stations. The link is:

http://untapped cities.com/2014/01/22/subway-art-on-the-future-second-avenue-subway-line-revealed-nyc/

A resident asked if a presentation by Arts for Transit could be arranged for a future CB 8 meeting? MTACC followed up with Sandra Bloodworth, Director, MTA Arts for Transit and Urban Design, who will consider this at a later date.

A resident indicated that a street sign at E. 71st Street was blocking the Walk/Don't walk signal. Upon investigation, the sign post was bent and could have caused it to block pedestrian signal, it has been corrected.

A resident asked if the bus stop at 86th Street and 2nd Ave could be restored? NYCT already evaluated and decided there is no other appropriate location for a stop at this time. Once the work zone at the southeast corner of 86th Street is removed it can be reconsidered.

Will the new entrance at 63rd Street be opened in advance of the completion of Phase 1 of the SAS project? Decision will be made by NYC Transit, the subway system operator, at the appropriate time.

On follow-up, the resident further asked if the 63rd Street/Third Avenue entrance would be staffed once opened. Decision will be made by NYC Transit, the subway system operator, at the appropriate time.

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Respectfully submitted, James Clynes and M. Barry Schneider, SAS TF Co-Chairs