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**The City of New York**  
**Manhattan Community Board 8**

**SECOND AVENUE SUBWAY TASK FORCE**

Manhattan Community Board 8  
Monday February 1, 2016  
New York Blood Center - Auditorium  
6:30 PM

Present: Michele Birnbaum, Craig Lader, Rita Popper, David Rosenstein, M. Barry Schneider

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 will be available at:

[http://web.mta.info/capital/sas\\_pdf/CB8%20SAS%20Task%20Force%20meeting%20All%20Stations\\_2016Feb1\\_Final.pdf](http://web.mta.info/capital/sas_pdf/CB8%20SAS%20Task%20Force%20meeting%20All%20Stations_2016Feb1_Final.pdf)

2. Q & A

The following were the topics raised during the question and answer session:

- Questions about delays cited by the oversight committee report were raised by the Task Force co-chair and a community member. It was explained that the project is on time for December 2016 revenue service. Additionally, MTA has a closeout plan that includes incentives for on time completion and penalties for delays. Construction milestones have been re-sequenced, in some instances, to accelerate completion.
- CB8 wants streetscape to be funded, by local elected officials, to 59<sup>th</sup> Street. Members will raise this at future CB8 meetings.
- A resident from 63rd street requested a timeline for plaza plantings. The contractor reports that this was completed November, with the planting of trees and ornamental grasses.
- Ongoing discussions regarding the opening to the 63<sup>rd</sup> Street Station prior to the completion of Phase 1. This is the MTA's goal and present target for opening of the entrances at 63rd and Third, pending NYCT approval, is 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2016.

- A question was raised about what will happen with the Patsy's real estate space once the MTA is finished construction (By 72nd street station entrance 1). It was explained that the building owner will be offered the right of first refusal to the space. MTA to confirm.
- A community member raised concerns regarding the temporary sidewalk on the east side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between 69<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> streets. The request to repair the non-skid surface and widen the sidewalk has been addressed.
- Community members had general concerns about trash along the corridor. Possible re-education of where to place the trash is necessary. MTACC has a good working relationship with DSNY but has no authority over where the cans are located or if DSNY workers put them back after emptying them. This issue should be addressed directly between the community and DSNY.
- A community member raised a question regarding pigmented sidewalks and a comment about the sidewalks being too white. MTA explained that the DOT spec shows non-pigmented sidewalks to be installed as part of the project restoration efforts, unless there is a distinctive pattern that needs to be matched. The standard concrete will look brighter and whiter initially, but after it cures and is weathered it will take a darker tone.
- A community member had a complaint about the temporary walkway pavement in the 96<sup>th</sup> Street area being uneven. MTACC conducts weekly inspection walks of the station areas. This condition of the walk ways will be evaluated for ease of travel.
- A community member had concerns about cars and machinery parked in the work zone between 90 and 91<sup>st</sup> Street in front of Rupert Park. MTACC reached out to the contractor and they verbally agreed to move stored equipment to another location and return a section of the roadway to accommodate a bus stop. This is expected in the coming weeks.
- A resident requested renderings of the 72nd Street artwork. MTA followed up with resident with the available information.

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Respectfully submitted, Craig Lader, SAS TF Co-Chair