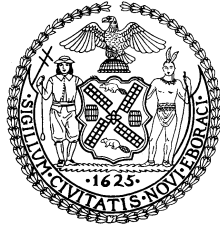


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SECOND AVENUE SUBWAY TASK FORCE

Manhattan Community Board 8
Thursday, April 23, 2015
New York Blood Center, Auditorium
6:30 PM

Present: Michele Birnbaum, Barbara Chocky, A. Scott Falk, Craig Lader, Rita Popper, Margaret Price, David Rosenstein, Barbara Rudder, Judy Schneider, 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 is available at:

<http://cb8m.com/updates/051215-cb8-sas-task-force-meeting-2015-april-23>

2. Presentation of Materials and Finishes for Stations and Ancillary Facilities

Presented by Michael Fonte, Project Architect, MTA Capital Construction. The materials were physically displayed at the meeting, and are available for viewing and inspection at the Second Avenue Subway Community Information Center located at 1628 Second Avenue.

3. Q & A

The following are questions and comments raised at the meeting; answers pertaining to construction-related matters were subsequently provided to the Community Board by Richard D. Mulieri, Senior Director, MTA Capital Construction Government and Community affairs.

Q: Is there a way to make the pylons surrounding street lights thinner?

A: The temporary pedestrian signal/lighting pyramids are used to hold light fixtures and wiring above the surface area. Given the weight of this hardware and the need to support this weight during windy/inclement weather, the base has to be a sufficient width to balance the load.

Q: Please provide an update on the work zone between 86th and 87th Street. When will above ground work begin for the elevator on the SE corner of 86th Street and 2nd Avenue?

A: Work for the elevator entrance on the southeast corner of 86th Street and Second Avenue is proceeding from below. Surface work will not begin until the fall of 2015.

Q: Is there a way to put an ADA ramp at the 96th Street entrance by Rite Aid where there will be two steps? This would be helpful for the elderly with walkers. Also, a community member requested that 96th-102nd Street be included in the CB8 taskforce presentation. He appreciated sidewalk restoration and removal of fence with the shift in the 90s.

A: There is an ADA elevator at Entrance 3 (southwest corner of the 96th Street and Second Avenue). The elevator is located between 95th and 96th Streets approximately 50 feet behind the escalator entrance. MTACC did consider a ramp at the escalator entrance when it was redesigned after Hurricane Sandy, but it was not feasible due to the space that would be needed to accommodate such a ramp. (A ramp takes five times the horizontal run of a stair so it would be five times longer than the existing stairs).

Q: Resident complained of lack of lighting by Ancillary 1 (NW corner of 69th and 2nd Avenue). Side note: This has been brought up to the CM team and contractor. Two complaints have been received within the past month.

A: MTACC instructed the contractor to investigate this lighting concern and it was determined that one of the existing lights was not operational. That light has been fixed and a lighting test will be done in this location to determine if additional lighting needs to be added.

Q: A resident complained of lighting at the NE corner of 70th Street and 2nd Avenue and garbage pile up in pylon.

A: Lighting on that corner has been hindered by the buildings sidewalk shed. The lighting outside of the shed and in and around the work zone was tested and readings were above DOT required levels. The building's sidewalk shed footing has compromised the pylon housing. The garbage has been cleaned out of the pylon and the pylon repaired. We will monitor it for trash buildup.

In addition to the above construction-related questions, there were multiple questions and concerns raised regarding the restoration of the streetscape, installation of City Light fixtures and the illumination of City Lights to be installed along the Second Avenue Corridor. As these issues fall under the purview of the New York City Department of Transportation, the Task Force will be following up and requesting their attendance at the next meeting of the Task Force, where streetscape restoration will be addressed.

Note: Audio recordings of all committee meetings are maintained in the office of Manhattan Community Board 8 and may be listened to by appointment.

M. Barry Schneider and Craig Lader, Co-Chair