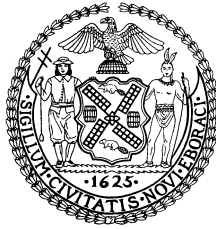


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SECOND AVENUE SUBWAY TASK FORCE
Manhattan Community Board 8
Thursday, September 24, 2015
Church of the Holy Trinity
6:00 PM

Present: Michele Birnbaum, Barbara Chocky, David Dornbaum, A. Scott Falk, Craig Lader, Rita Popper, Margaret Price, David Rosenstein, Barbara Rudder, M. Barry Schneider

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

1. Construction Updates

Presented by Anil Parikh, P.E.. Senior Vice President & Program Executive Second Avenue Subway Project

The complete PowerPoint presentation is available at:

http://web.mta.info/capital/sas_pdf/CB8%20SAS%20Task%20Force%20meeting%202015Sept24_Final.pdf

2. Streetscape – Continuing discussion

Nina Haiman, Deputy Manhattan Borough Commission, Department of Transportation, presented Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgione's July 27, 2015 written reply to the Committee's request, of July 14, 2015, to have the Department of Transportation investigate the use of the TBTA pole as an alternative to the City Light.

"Since the meeting we have investigated this option further. Although the TBTA pole is one of the lights that DOT and the Public Design Commission will consider for wide avenues such as Second Avenue, the city's new Vision Zero safety requirements make the TBTA pole ineligible. As part of Vision Zero, select corridors with a high volume of crashes are designated as Vision Zero Priority Corridors. DOT is pursuing a number of means to improve safety on these corridors, one of which is the requirement that all street lights have twin-arms set at 90 degrees at the intersections, so that light is cast over not just the avenue but also the adjacent side street. 2nd Avenue is one of these priority corridors.

"Since our discussion last week, we investigated whether the TBTA pole could be installed with a twin-arm at a 90 degree angle. This pole is not manufactured with such an option, and as such, the TBTA is not an option along this portion of Second Avenue. We plan to proceed with the City Light as previously discussed/approved by Community Board 8.

Thank you for your commitment to city streets, and we look forward to our ongoing collaboration."

3. Q & A

A summary of the questions posed to MTA Capital Construction and their responses is attached below.

4. New Business

The following resolution was put forward by a board member:

Whereas MTA Capital Construction is committed to restoring the entire streetscape along Second Avenue from East 96th to East 65th Street within Manhattan Community District 8 as part of the completion of the Second Avenue Subway project, and

Whereas MTA Capital Construction will be installing new street lights along the aforementioned length of Second Avenue, and

Whereas MTA Capital Construction will be installing street tree enclosures along the aforementioned length of Second Avenue,

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 8M urges our Council Members Benjamin Kallos and Daniel Garodnick and Borough President Gale Brewer to provide the funding necessary to complete the streetscape improvements from East 65th Street to East 59th Street, so that Second Avenue will have a unified look within the border of Community District 8

The Vote: 6 – 0 - 4

In favor: Birnbaum, Dornbaum, Falk, Lader, Rosenstein, Schneider

Opposed: 0

Abstain: Chocky, Popper, Price, Rudder

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

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

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Follow-up: Q & A Posed to MTACC (Item #3 from above)

A resident expressed concern over the current MPT set up at 63rd and Third. The issue is with traffic being backed up on 63rd due to pedestrian traffic moving east and west through the north crosswalk.

MTACC Response: The contractor has begun street restoration in this station area and anticipates having all street level work zones scaled back or removed from the street (some work zones will remain around the entrances for security) by mid-November.

A resident asked: Can a rendering of the artist's concept for 72nd Street be released for the public.

MTACC Response: See attached samples of the art planned for 72nd Street.

A Resident provided photos of metal plates related to ConEd work requested better patching around the work and anti-skid tape to be affixed.

MTACC Response: The SAS Community Liaison for the 72nd Street Station area scanned the submitted photos and sent a request to ConEd. The ConEd work there is complete and the plates have been removed this should no longer be an issue.

Resident complained of lack of lighting at 95th Street.

MTACC Response: MTACC's electrical subcontractors were alerted to the lighting concerns and have repaired all inoperable lighting. If there are specific concerns about the level of lighting in a certain location please provide that location to your station area liaison and they will have it promptly investigated.

Resident mentioned security issues at 93rd Street, as it related to work zone access and theft of materials.

MTACC Response: Work zones are inspected regularly. They have been tightened up and NYPD is aware of poachers looking to steal scrap metal and wire. MTACC inspectors have been alerted to the fact as well and are inspecting work zones for possible criminal activity.

Several residents raised questions about existing and future bus stops/maps.

MTACC Response: MTACC committed to bringing a representative from NYCT buses to the next CB8 meeting to better answer these questions. MTACC will update the SAS website with the current list of temporary bus stop locations due to construction.

A resident asked about the schedule for moving work zones north of 86th Street to the west side.

MTACC Response: Work there is presently shifting to utility restoration work between 86th and 87th Street. The crane there will be removed and once work is completed the work zones will move to the west side around December/January.

