

13.1 INTRODUCTION

The development of any mass transportation improvement using federal aid must comply with project development procedures and other policy guidance established by federal legislation and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) implementing regulations. This chapter presents a summary of the planning and decision-making that has been performed subsequent to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Second Avenue Subway with respect to the station entrance modifications at the 72nd Street and 86th Street Stations.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) New York City Transit has been conducting ongoing public outreach related to the Second Avenue Subway project, including design changes, expected construction schedule, and upcoming property acquisitions.

13.2 OUTREACH FOR THIS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Public outreach for the modifications to the entrances at the 72nd Street and 86th Street Stations began in 2007 with community and stakeholder meetings to present the engineering constraints of the No Action Alternative and the alternatives being considered for the modification of the station entrances. This process continued through the spring of 2008, and the public input that was received helped MTA New York City Transit develop the eight alternatives at the 72nd Street Station and the seven alternatives at the 86th Street Station presented in Chapter 2, “Entrance Alternatives,” of this Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA). The alternatives were formally presented to the public at a public presentation held on July 29, 2008 as described below.

13.2.1 PUBLIC PRESENTATION

On July 29, 2008, a public presentation was made to Community Board 8 and other interested members of the public. MTA New York City Transit was available to identify the various design alternatives for both stations and to describe the process for assessing their potential environmental effects. Project representatives were available to answer questions during and after the public presentation.

Public comments were raised before, during, and after the public information session. Verbal, written, and e-mail comments included concerns regarding pedestrian safety at vehicle driveways, jaywalking, community impacts of midblock entrances, and the aesthetic character of station canopies. These comments have been addressed in Chapter 5, “Transportation,” and Chapter 6, “Social and Economic Conditions,” of this EA.

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72nd Street and 86th Street Station Entrance Alternatives**

13.2.2 PUBLIC REVIEW OF EA

This EA has been made available for public review. Copies of the EA are available for public review on MTA's website and at the offices of MTA, FTA, and Community Board 8 (see the following discussion for details).

A public hearing will be held on June 18, 2009 to solicit public comments on this EA. The hearing will be held within the 30-day public comment period for the EA. The hearing will be promoted through a newspaper announcement, advertisements, and the MTA's web site. The public will be invited to make oral comments at the hearing or submit written comments, including at the meeting and by letter, fax, or e-mail during the 30-day comment period. After considering public comments, FTA's findings under NEPA will be issued and made available to the public.

Based on the analyses presented in the EA and after considering public comments, FTA will determine whether or not the station entrance alternatives would result in any significant adverse environmental impacts not already identified in the FEIS or ROD or require changes to mitigation measures. FTA will issue a Finding of No Significant Adverse Impact (FONSI) if there are no significant environmental impacts not already identified in the FEIS or ROD or changes in mitigation measures. As a result of the proposed modifications, if there are any new significant adverse impacts or any significant changes to mitigation measures, FTA and MTA New York City Transit will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate those impacts.

13.2.3 AVAILABILITY OF EA

This EA is available for review at the following locations:

www.mta.info

under Capital Construction / Major Projects / Second Avenue Subway

FTA Office
Federal Transit Administration, Region II
One Bowling Green, Room 429
New York, NY 10004
Call (212) 668-2170 for an appointment

Community Board 8 Offices
505 Park Avenue, Suite 620
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