

# Second Avenue Subway

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## PHASE 2: EAST HARLEM

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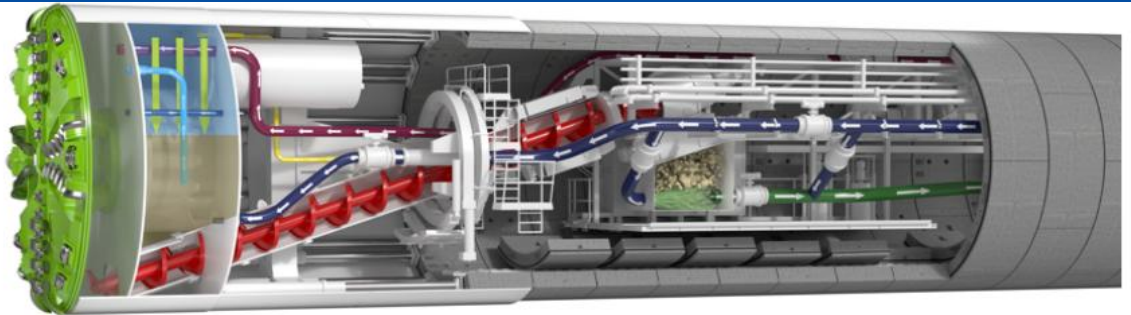
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## THE TUNNEL BORING MACHINE HAS BEEN ORDERED



### The Tunnel Boring Machine

Phase 2 of the Second Avenue project has hit a pivotal milestone. With the order of the tunnel boring machine (TBM) from HK in Germany the project is one step closer to begin tunneling between 120 Street and Second Avenue and 125 Street and Adam Clayton Powell Blvd. in 2027. It will take that much time to build and transport the TBM from Germany and then reassemble it here in East Harlem. In the meantime, contractors are making preparations to retrofit the existing 116 Street tunnel, prepare the various station entrances and ancillary sites, and conduct geotechnical test borings to determine subsurface conditions along the TBM route.



### Installing A New Con Ed Electrical Transformer Vault At 106 Street

At 106 Street and Second Avenue the contractor installed a Con Ed electrical transformer vault. The concrete vault weighed 66,000 pounds and was lowered into the ground using a hydraulic crane. This vault is essential for protecting and providing access to electrical cables and manholes for the new electrical grid for East Harlem, prior to excavating the subway station. Electrical work continues along the construction alignment.



### New Sewer Pipes Installed On Second Avenue

The contractor is installing new 36-inch ductile iron pipe (DIP) or sewer pipes that will be used for the Franklin Plaza house and catch basin connections going from 106 Street to 108 street and Second Avenue. This will advance the upcoming construction work of Phase 2 of the Second Avenue Subway and will include the installation of pilings to support the sewer pipes. The work will essentially replace old sewer pipes and extend the lifecycle of the local sewer system by decades.

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# Community Engagement

The MTA invited community leaders from Community Board 11/MAN and various organizations from East Harlem to tour the existing tunnels built in the 1970's. These tunnels will expand subway service from 96 Street with new stations at 106, 116, and 125 Street. Candy Vasquez from the 116<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association said, "I am amazed and excited to see the tunnels in person after growing up at the Johnson Houses with the tunnels below." The MTA provided tours to local school teachers to share information with them about this once-in-a-lifetime mega project right in their backyard and to turn the construction of the Second Avenue Subway into a STEM curriculum learning laboratory for their students. Teachers enjoyed touring the 1970s tunnels. Mrs. Morales, Principal of Tito Puente School, Esperanza Preparatory Academy said, "I want to be here when this is open, it's good for the community and it's great for East Harlem". Elected officials also attended the tours in an effort to keep the community apprised of our progress on the project and to provide them with current information to share with their constituents.



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