

Second Avenue Subway

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Preparing to Construct New Q Station at 125/Lex



You may have seen a large drill rig at 125 Street and Lexington Avenue. This drill rig stands about 80 feet tall and will install secant piles up to a depth of about 40 feet. For accuracy of secant piles installation, a guide wall with specialized Styrofoam templates are first installed along the perimeter of each excavation shaft, which will be the site of the future 125th Street station. Secant walls are a type of retaining wall that are constructed using intersecting reinforced concrete cylinders. This new subway station at 125 Street and Lexington Avenue will connect daily commuters on the Q train to the 4, 5, 6 trains, and provide access to Metro North via the new Park Avenue entrance.



MTA Continues Preparation for Tunnel Boring Machine Launch Box With Demolition of Vacant Building At 246 East 120 Street

The MTA is preparing to start demolition at 246 East 120th Street, and on several additional buildings that have been acquired, for the advancement of the Second Avenue Subway Phase 2. Acquiring abandoned buildings and vacant lots is an important part of the MTA's commitment to minimizing the project's impact on the East Harlem community. The controlled demolition will use handheld tools on the upper floors and an excavator on the lower floors. In addition, the MTA is working with PS 96 Administration, which is a school that resides on 120th Street. The demolition of this building and three additional buildings on 2nd Ave. between 119th and 120th Street will be monitored full time by the contractor and MTA C&D. The MTA follows strict safety protocols based on state and federal regulations to protect public health and the surrounding environment. Throughout this demolition the MTA will keep the public informed to minimize any disruption to the student population of PS 96, to local operations, and area residents.



Contract 1 Utility Relocation Work Continues Along Second Avenue

Utility relocation continues at 110th Street and Second Avenue as Contract 1 work crews excavate for the installation of new sewer pipes and water mains. These upgrades will increase utility performance and extend their lifespan by decades. This work will continue across Second Avenue on 110th Street in the coming weeks.

Keeping You Informed

Community Engagement

MTA Provides Updates to Manhattan Community Board 11

On February 12th Joe O'Donnell, Senior Director Strategic Public Affairs MTA, gave a project update to the Public Safety and Transportation Committee of Community Board 11/Man. The presentation provided the Transportation Committee with timely Second Avenue Subway construction updates for Contract 1 and introduced Contract 2. Sharing construction updates with the East Harlem community is an integral part of the MTA's commitment to transparency and communication. The presentation deck can be found at: [MTA Second Avenue Subway website at Documents / Community board presentations](#) and by following this link

[Second Avenue Subway Phase 2](#)



Community Engagement Team Produces Student Ambassador Videos with New York City Schools

As part of the Second Avenue Subway Student Ambassador Program, the community outreach team is producing a series of short videos to expand awareness about the design and construction of the Second Avenue Subway. One video currently in production documents student projects that were produced by the Archimedes Academy for Math, Science & Technology Applications, which is in its second year of participation with the Student Ambassador Program of the Second Avenue Subway. Participating students and teachers are working with the MTA outreach team on the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math of building the Second Avenue Subway. In 2026, new art and science projects are being created by educators and students at Archimedes Academy. The MTA is working closely with educators to connect the construction of Phase 2 to school curriculum at every stage of design, development, and construction.



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