

Second Avenue Subway

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PHASE 2:

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Second Avenue
Subway
Community
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Center!



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Construction of the Second Avenue Subway Is Progressing - Next Up: Blasting

MTA construction teams are making steady progress in the Second Avenue Subway construction yard at 125 Street and Lexington Avenue. Work crews are currently installing cap beams which will be used to secure the shaft area ahead of the controlled blasting which is scheduled in June. These cap beams will safeguard and protect the work area during controlled blasting by securing the lid of the shaft to prevent rocks flying out.

Blasting is an important step in building the new 125 Street Station for the residents of Harlem and East Harlem. Because the future station area is a lot larger than the tunnel, and the rock is very hard below the station, it cannot be excavated out efficiently with conventional mining or just by the Tunnel Boring Machine. Initial test blasting will be conducted to confirm an effective blast design. Once test blasting is complete, production blasting will commence for the station construction!



What To Expect During Blasting Operations

5-minute warning (Blaster Preparing to Blast):	One (1) long signal (10 seconds) 5 minutes prior to the blast signal
1-minute warning (Blaster Ready):	Two (2) short signals (5 seconds) – Blast as soon as possible Blaster in charge may elect to temporarily close adjacent pedestrian and roadway traffic for a short period of time during the blasting.
All Clear:	Three (3) short signals (5 seconds) Pedestrian and roadway traffic resumes.

Keeping You Informed

MTA Holds Second Avenue Subway Job Fair



The MTA hosted a Second Avenue Subway Phase 2 (SASP2) jobs event on April 24, 2026, for residents of East Harlem and New York City! The event was held in East Harlem at P.S. 84 Luis Munoz Rivera school with over 950 attendees (and over 1,900 registered!) joining to learn about job opportunities. We delivered a comprehensive and meaningful experience for the community.

For the first time, attendees had access to information on real job opportunities on Contract 2 of the Second Avenue Subway project; civil service career pathways with the MTA, NYPD, and FDNY; workforce development resources through NYC SBS Workforce 1, the CUNY Rangel Infrastructure Workforce Initiative, STRIVE, CSS, and the Renaissance Technical Institute; pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship opportunities with the Building and Construction Trades Council's Apprenticeship Readiness Collective (ARC); and information on doing business with the MTA and DBE contracting opportunities through the MTA's Department of Diversity and Civil Rights.

As construction activity to build three new accessible Second Avenue Subway stations at 106 Street, 116 Street, and 125 Street advances, the MTA is committed to workforce development to provide job seekers with information and hiring opportunities for union apprenticeship programs, construction industry training, and career pathways to the infrastructure sector.

SASP2 Community Information Center Hosts Uptown Grand Central



Working closely with Uptown Grand Central, the Second Avenue Subway Community Information Center hosted a meeting for community residents and business leaders about blasting work that will occur inside the construction yard at 125 Street and Lexington Avenue. Program Construction Manager and blasting expert, Amitabha Mukherjee, shared information and answered questions about the upcoming blasting work with a group of 50 community members.

As part of the MTA's commitment to keeping the community informed, the project team will continue to host the community to learn about the status of the project and ask questions. The Community Information Center is open 5 days a week. We encourage you to drop on by!

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