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### Second Avenue Subway Project Receives Silver Award from American Council of Engineering Companies for Community Outreach

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) today announced that the Second Avenue Subway Community Outreach Program has been selected to receive a Silver Award by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of New York.

Construction of the \$4.45 billion Second Avenue Subway project is taking place on the Upper East Side, one of the most densely populated census areas in the nation. MTA Capital Construction (MTACC) developed a Community Outreach Program which includes Public Workshops, Construction Advisory Committees, monthly newsletters, community underground tours, and the creation of a Community Information Center. MTACC also launched the Good Neighbor Initiative, a field team which addresses a broad range of environmental enhancements such as construction site cleanliness and maintenance, fence wrapping, retail and way-finding signage, sidewalk width, and lighting issues. Blasting impacts were mitigated using muck systems located in the 72<sup>nd</sup> Street and 86<sup>th</sup> Street station construction areas to control noise, dust and smoke where possible. This Community Outreach program is being supported by Parsons Brinckerhoff and their sub-consultant Sam Schwartz Engineering.

"We've been very creative in developing the community outreach program for this project. This award recognizes the work of the community outreach team, as well as the participation of residents and businesses that we've partnered with, to find ways to mitigate the construction impacts," said Dr. Michael Horodniceanu, President of MTA Capital Construction.

As an example this week, the MTA has partnered with the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce (MCC) to promote 2nd Avenue Restaurant and Retail Week. All of the participating businesses will be offering discounts and specials for the week. Diners and shoppers just need to show a 2nd Avenue Restaurant and Retail postcard or download the link onto their cell phones and show the business to receive the discount.

Phase 1 of the Second Avenue Subway will extend the  train east from 57<sup>th</sup> Street-7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Lexington Av-63<sup>rd</sup> Street and will continue to new stations along Second Avenue at 96<sup>th</sup>, 86<sup>th</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup> Streets. It is one of the biggest subway expansion projects currently underway in the United States. Phase 1 is scheduled to be completed in December 2016.

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