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MTA Holds Second Avenue Subway Community Workshop

MTA Capital Construction (MTACC) held its fifth Second Avenue Subway Community Workshop last night at Temple Israel, located at 112 East 75th Street.

The purpose of the workshops is to bring the community, MTACC employees and contractors together to discuss ways in which the impact resulting from the construction of the Second Avenue Subway can be improved. The Second Avenue Subway Community Workshop was initially developed as part of a broader and enhanced community outreach effort that was augmented specifically to address community concerns regarding construction. The first workshop was held in November 2011.

The Second Avenue Subway outreach program includes Quarterly Community Workshops, Community Advisory Committee meetings, a Good Neighbor Initiative which is responsible for inspecting contractor's maintenance and housekeeping of work sites, weekend community tours of the underground cavern, daily blast notifications, monthly newsletters and dedicated outreach liaisons per station construction area.

"The Second Avenue Subway is one of the biggest public works transportation projects that is being built in the United States today, in one of the most densely populated regions in the country," said MTA Capital Construction President Michael Horodniceanu. "It's impossible to build a subway here without disturbing the people and environment around us. We've learned from past experiences that building on this scale requires more than a business as usual approach, and that working closely with the community, who are our eyes and ears on Second Avenue, is one of the best means of learning how we can become a better neighbor."

Phase 1 of the Second Avenue Subway Project is currently under construction. The new subway will extend the Q line from an expanded station at Lexington Avenue and 63rd Street east to Second Avenue, then north to 96th Street. Three entirely new stations at 72nd, 86th and 96th Streets are in the process of being built. Subsequent phases of the project will bring a new T line from 125th Street to Hanover Square in Lower Manhattan. Phase 1 is scheduled for completion in December 2016.