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MTA Opens Voting For Second Avenue Idol

Public to Decide Narrators for Upcoming Interactive Exhibit

Online voting opened today to select one male and one female narrator for an interactive exhibit that will debut at the Second Avenue Subway (SAS) Community Information Center scheduled to open this spring.

Last fall, the MTA held a casting call for voiceover actors, in which contestants emailed recordings or called into a dedicated line to submit their initial entries. A panel of judges then picked three male and three female semi-finalists. Those six semi-finalists then stepped into the studio to record auditions on Monday January 28th. These recordings are now posted online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/SASIdol where the public can vote for their favorite male and female voice.

"The Second Avenue Subway is being built for the public, so why not let the public choose the voice of the Second Avenue Subway?" said MTA Capital Construction President Michael Horodniceanu. "The soon-to-open Community Information Center where the video and voiceover will debut is one more tool in our outreach program to keep the public informed on every aspect of construction of this monumental and history-making project."

The voiceovers will be featured in an interactive video that will be part of the first exhibit installed in the newly created Community Information Center on Second Avenue. The Community Information Center's first exhibition will feature an interactive video and other displays featuring the history of the Second Avenue Subway, first proposed in 1929. The SAS Community Information Center aims to foster and encourage a continued exchange among neighbors and the SAS team regarding the construction of the Second Avenue Subway. It will be located at 1628 Second Avenue and will serve as space for the public to meet with community liaisons and discuss construction-related matters. The facility also will serve as an educational center where programs will be offered to schools, community groups and other organizations about public transportation in New York.

Phase 1 of the Second Avenue Subway will extend 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 currently under construction. Phase 1 is scheduled for completion in December 2016.

The Second Avenue Subway will reduce overcrowding and delays on the Lexington Avenue line, improving travel for both city and suburban commuters, and provide better access to mass transit for residents of the East Side of Manhattan.

Voting for the Second Avenue Idol opened today, January 30th and will close on February 17th.