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Video & Photos: Governor Cuomo and MTA Chairman Tom Prendergast Ride First Regular Service Train on the Second Avenue Subway

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and MTA Chairman Tom Prendergast today rode the first regular service train on the Second Avenue Subway. Before the train left the 96th Street Station, the Governor greeted passengers and thanked the local residents and business owners.

PHOTOS of the Governor greeting the first passengers on the Second Avenue Subway today will be available on the Governor's Flickr [page](#).

B-ROLL VIDEO of the Governor riding the subway from the 96th Street Station is available on YouTube [here](#) and in TV quality (h264, mp4) format [here](#).

The Governor also delivered brief remarks to passengers over the train speakers. A rush transcript of those remarks is available below:

"This is Governor Cuomo, but rest assured, I am not driving the train. Happy New Year to everyone. Let's give a big round of applause to all the MTA people that got this subway going. They got it done faster. They got it on-time and on budget. As you're on the inaugural ride, this is exciting. It's a great way to start the new year in New York. And let this be one of many successes and a healthy and a happy new year to all of you. We deserve it. We need it, and I believe we're going to have it in 2017. Happy New Year everyone."

Last night, the Governor and MTA Chairman Tom Prendergast celebrated the on-time arrival of the Second Avenue Subway with the line's inaugural ride and a celebratory party. Photos of the celebration and the inaugural ride are available [here](#).

The Second Avenue Subway began operating at noon, today, Jan. 1.