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### MTA Begins Procurements to Extend Second Avenue Subway to East Harlem

#### *Contracts Advertised for Design, Environmental and Community Outreach Work*

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has begun procuring key services necessary for Phase 2 of the Second Avenue Subway, which will extend the subway project to East Harlem in Manhattan. MTA Capital Construction is placing advertisements for Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the first three contracts, which include design, environmental and community outreach services. Phase 2 will stretch north and west from Second Avenue and E. 96th Street to Lexington Avenue and E. 125th St., and includes three new stations at 106th Street, 116th Street and 125th and Lexington Avenue.

"Our goal is to fast-track Phase 2 to every extent possible, and if these efforts to speed up the project timetable are successful, the MTA will amend our Capital Program and seek additional funds to begin heavy construction sooner," said MTA Chairman and CEO Thomas F. Prendergast. "With the opening of first phase of the Second Avenue Subway planned for the end of this year, we are taking steps to ensure a seamless transition to the next phase of work ahead."

Phase 1 of the Second Avenue Subway project is expected to open this December with three new stations at 72nd, 86th and 96th Streets and an expanded station at 63rd Street and Lexington Avenue, currently used by the F train. Once service begins, the Q Train will operate on the Second Avenue line.

"These design and environmental consulting contracts will enable us to take the next steps toward construction of the next phase of the Second Avenue Subway," said MTA Capital Construction President Michael Horodniceanu. "The community outreach contract will help ensure that community members are kept informed and their feedback is taken into account every step of the way."

The largest of the contracts is for an engineering and design consultant. It includes the update of the preliminary engineering design to reflect current design and operational criteria of MTA New York City Transit. The winning bidder also will provide technical information to support the supplemental environmental review process, prepare the final design of the construction contracts and provide technical services to support construction.

The winning bidder for the environmental consulting contract will provide environmental engineering, scientific, technical and analytical services to complete the necessary environmental documentation required for this phase of the project from extended preliminary engineering through construction.

The final RFP includes community outreach services for Phase 2. The consultant for this contract will assist in the development, implementation and management of a community relations and outreach program and provide staff for a Community Information Center. Additionally, the consultant will be responsible for providing graphics support, developing content and delivering flyers, newsletters and other notices, and assist in addressing community concerns raised by community members and businesses and soliciting their input.

The review process for all three RFPs will be accelerated with contracts expected to be awarded this summer.

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