Second Avenue Subway Phase 2

Providing East Harlem with more access to transit



New Stations. Faster Commutes. More Connectivity.

Phase 2 of the Second Avenue Subway is one of the MTA's largest capital projects, extending the reach of the Q line from 96th Street up to 125th Street and Lexington Avenue in East Harlem.

As Part of Phase 2 of the Second Avenue Subway, the MTA will build three new accessible Second Avenue Subway **stations at 106th Street – 116th Street – and at 125th Street.** The 125th Street station will create a **transit hub connecting the Q line** to the Lexington Avenue 4, 5, and 6 lines, while also providing access to the M60 bus and Metro North Railroad's Harlem, New Haven, and Hudson River lines, including connections from the New Haven and Hudson Lines to Amtrak service at select stations north of New York City.

Phase 2 of the Second Avenue Subway will further reduce congestion on the 4, 5, and 6 lines by drawing an expected 100,000 daily riders, transporting East Harlem and Bronx riders with faster commutes, fewer delays, greater reliability, and more connectivity to subway and regional transit.



125th Street Entrance 3 at Park Avenue



Entrance 3 at 125th Street proximate to Metro-North Railroad



Interior of Entrance 3 at Park Avenue



106th Street Entrance 1







What are the Project Benefits?

Phase 2 of the Second Avenue Subway makes good on a promise made—of new and improved transit options—to the residents of East Harlem since the removal of the Second and Third Avenue Els in the 1940s and 50s. The extension of the Second Avenue Subway to 125th Street will deliver the 21st-century transportation options that East Harlem deserves.

Time Savings:

East Harlem and Bronx residents who ride the Second Avenue Subway will benefit from reduced travel time, saving an estimated 20 minutes a day, 7.2 hours per month, adding up to 3.5 days per year.



Fully Accessible:

The new East Harlem stations will be built with entrances that include fully accessible elevators and escalators—creating greater travel mobility for seniors and people of all abilities.



Travel Mobility:

The stations will also feature the latest in technological advancements, including cellular and Wi-Fi coverage throughout—and digital signage that provides real time information about train departures.

What is the Project Status?



New Design:

Each station will be bright, comfortable, and modern, with low vibration tracks, and public art works that reflect the artistic culture of East Harlem.



Revitalized Streetscape:

The project will provide a revitalized surface streetscape complete with new sidewalks, trees, and public areas, enhancing Second Avenue as a vibrant commercial and pedestrian corridor in East Harlem.

A One-Seat Ride:

The Second Avenue Subway will be the only subway line to create a one-seat ride from East Harlem to West Midtown, Times Square, Chinatown, and Coney Island Brooklyn.

In November 2023 the MTA signed a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) with the Federal Transit Administration, awarding a historic \$3.4 Billion in project funding. Contract 1, the first of four contracts to complete Phase2, was awarded to CAC Industries in December 2023, and will focus on early utility relocation and building stabilization between 110th and 105th Streets. Work is expected to get underway as soon as March 2024. Initial work will be to reroute the existing Second Avenue bike lane in this area to First Avenue, followed by modification of the sidewalk on the west-side of Second Avenue so that work to relocate utilities can begin on the east-side of Second Avenue with minimal impacts to traffic.

An early and comprehensive community outreach effort was initiated in 2018 with the opening of the SAS Phase 2 Community Information Center at 69 East 125th Street in the center of Harlem. Through interactive programming, community meetings, and presentations the community outreach team is bringing the story of the Second Avenue Subway to the East Harlem Community.



Learn More

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