

! COMMENCEMENT OF CONTROLLED BLASTING ACTIVITY !

The Second Avenue Subway project will be using a well established excavation technique called controlled blasting to excavate two cross passages below 68th Street and 65th Street.

Controlled blasting activities are scheduled to begin below 68th Street on or about the week of June 6th and should be completed by June 13th. This controlled blasting will occur 85 feet below the road surface.

Controlled blasting activities will begin below 65th St on or about the week of June 15th and continue for approximately 3 months. This controlled blasting will occur 65 feet below the road surface. There will be no above ground surface work associated with this work.

The Fire Department of New York (FDNY) has approved a controlled blasting plan for the area of Second Avenue between 68th and 65th Street which will be carried out in coordination with the MTA and SSK Constructors. All blasting will be conducted under the direction and regulations of the FDNY. Blasting is permitted to take place 6 AM to 12 AM during the approved Second Ave Subway working hours for underground work.

Blasting Procedures

All blasting is pursuant to New York Fire Department procedures

- All pedestrian and vehicle traffic will be temporarily stopped during each blast occurrence.
- Blasting will occur up to 5 times daily, with each blast lasting no more than one minute.
There will be a warning whistle before each blast
- 1 whistle as a warning sound
- 2 whistles indicate the blast is imminent
- 3 whistles indicate the blast is complete and all is clear.
- Flagging personnel will be positioned at the north, south, east and west corners of the blast zone to inform and direct pedestrians.
- Signs will be posted around the work site that will state:

DANGER BLASTING- NO RADIO TRANSMITTING

As required by New York State regulations, and monitored by FDNY, all explosive materials are delivered to and from the work site daily.

Vibration and noise limits have been established by the MTA and the project designer. The vibration and noise readings will be monitored by the construction management team.

Please direct any questions or concerns to Marcus Book, Assistant Director, MTA NYC Transit Government and Community Relations at 646-252-2675 or Claudia Wilson at the work site at 212-792-9716.