



# 2nd Ave. Subway Update

from Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney

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Dear East Sider,

Although everyone who lives in our neighborhood has experienced the impact of construction for the new subway along Second Avenue, local businesses have been hit particularly hard and report significant losses.

The Second Avenue Subway is essential to the City's future, and I'm proud of helping secure a federal commitment to provide \$1.3 billion to build it. While the subway will be a boon to the neighborhood once it is finished, local stores and restaurants need our help now to survive during construction.

I have been facilitating meetings between local businesses and representatives of the U.S. Small Business Administration, who can help business owners obtain federal benefits like low-interest loans and free consulting services from federal experts in marketing, inventory control and other important areas.

We don't want to end up with a brand new subway surrounded by empty storefronts. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), the state agency that receives significant federal funding, has developed a Shop Second Avenue web page that provides a directory of the shops, restaurants, and other businesses that may be affected by the construction: [www.mta.info/nyc/shopping\\_second\\_avenue/](http://www.mta.info/nyc/shopping_second_avenue/).

As work proceeds on the subway, I'll continue to work with federal, state, and local officials to ensure that these businesses – the heart and soul of our community – are aware of and have access to the resources available to them to stay open for business during the construction of this vital project.

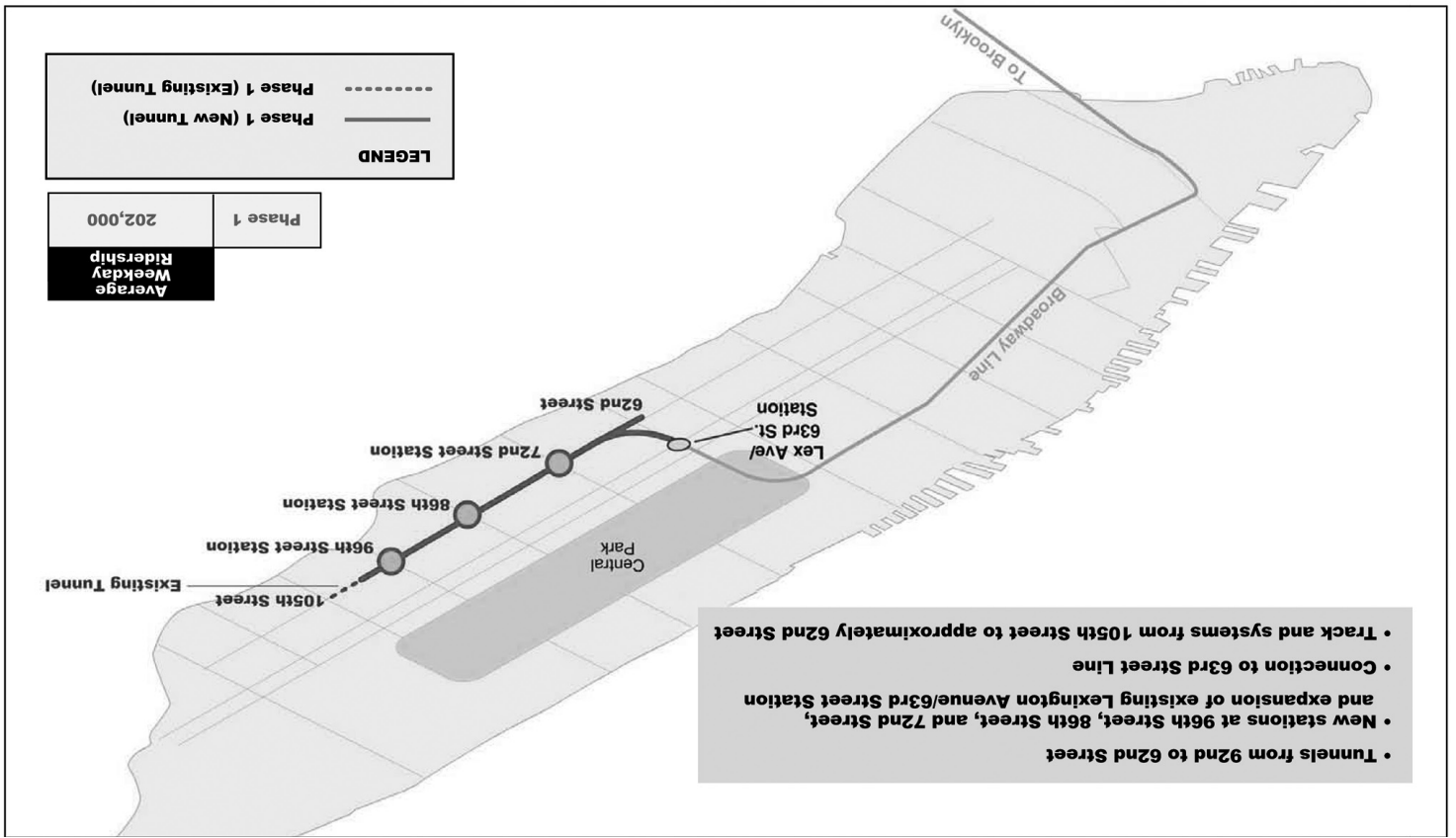
Very truly yours,

Carolyn B. Maloney  
Member of Congress



I met recently with Second Avenue with East 86th St. Merchant's Association Executive Vice President Mallory Spain, Nina's Argentinean Pizzeria Owner Marcelo Ronchini and Civitas President T. Gorman Reilly to discuss the status of the construction of the new subway.

If you notice a problem with safety, sanitation, signage or other site conditions on the 2nd Avenue Subway project, call 311. For other issues, call the MTA's 24-hour hotline at (646) 252-2670.



**It'll be worth the hassle now for better transit later...**

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