

COMMUNITY UPDATE

EAST SIDE ACCESS PROJECT

July 2010

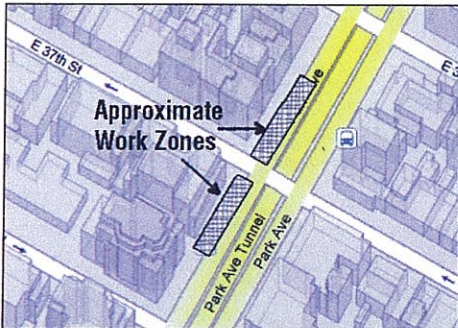
Park Avenue Plenum and Gratings

The MTACC'S East Side Access project, which will bring Long Island Rail Road trains into a new station under Grand Central Terminal, is currently under construction. The new connection will increase the LIRR service capacity into Manhattan, and dramatically shorten travel time for Long Island and eastern Queens commuters traveling to the east side of Manhattan. The next phase of construction will have the worksite in use until approximately March 2012 to create new temporary access at 37th St. and Park Ave. This will include the use of site for personnel access, construction materials, equipment and concrete delivery.

The work at 37th Street and Park Avenue is continuing.

Completed Construction Activities:

- Completed installation of additional



- support within the air shaft walls
- Completed installation of concrete pump station in the plenum
- Installed one sewer manhole and sanitary piping
- Drill and Blast excavation for the installation of rock support within the raise bore chambers
- Complete installation of underground ventilation systems for use during construction
- Survey sewer main completed
- Continued installation of guard booth and employee elevator
- Completed demobilization of surface work site

Construction Activities Currently Underway

(July '10 - September '10)

- Continue controlled drill and blast excavation
- Commence utilization of the site for personnel access, concrete operations and material delivery.

The East Side Access team, along with the New York City Department of Transportation and several utility companies, are committed to completing the required construction as quickly as possible with the least

amount of inconvenience to residents and businesses in the neighborhood.

East Side Access is also committed to maintaining a work site that is safe and clean. We appreciate the patience and understanding of the residents of this neighborhood as this work has progressed. While dust, noise and heavy equipment are common elements of construction, we are continuing to implement measures to minimize and mitigate these impacts as much as possible.

Additional Site Usage

The Contractor will use this location over the next three years until March 2012 as a temporary access point for underground construction activities. Concrete and construction materials/equipment deliveries will occur 8 am - 7 pm, Monday through Friday. Personnel access will occur 24 hours a day, Monday through Friday. A guard will be stationed at the surface 24 hours a day, Monday thru Friday.

Temporary Lane Closures

At times, it will be necessary for the contractor to occupy the parking lane on the south bound Park Avenue lane between 36th and 38th Streets. Pedestrian access along sidewalks will be maintained. Access to building entrances will also be maintained.



Work site after demobilization.



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