

Reconstruction of Pershing Square West

E 42nd St, Vanderbilt to Lexington Aves; Park Ave West, E 42nd to E 40th Sts

Project # HWPLZ004M

The New York City Department of Design and Construction (NYC DDC) is managing a capital reconstruction project to replace existing infrastructure such as trunk and distribution water mains and some sewer at Park Ave W. from E 40 to E 42 Sts, E 40 St from Park to Madison Aves, and E 42 St from Vanderbilt to Lexington Aves, and construct a pedestrian plaza at Park Ave W. from E 41 to E 42 Sts. This project began in the Spring of 2014 and is currently anticipated to be at substantial completion by early 2018.

Work Completed to Date

- **E 42 St between Vanderbilt & Lexington Aves:** Installation of 36" trunk water main along with its appurtenances, 20" water main (south side), 12" water main (north side), gas main (north side), catch basins along with their connections, and relocation of Con Ed and ECS facilities.
- **Park Ave W. between E 42 & E 41 Sts:** New 16" storm sewer installation, relocation of Con Ed and ECS facilities, and retaining wall foundation for rain garden.
- **Park Ave W. between E 42 & E 39 Sts:** Installation of 36" trunk water main along with its appurtenances, 12" water main, gas main, and 48" trunk water main (btwn E 40 & E 39 Sts).
- **E 41 St between Park & Madison Aves:** Relocation of Con Ed, ECS and gas main facilities; installation of catch basins along with their connections, cleanout manhole and chute connection (btwn Park Ave E. & Park Ave W.); and final roadway restoration of trenches.
- **E 40 St between Park & Madison Aves:** Relocation of Con Ed and ECS facilities; installation of 12" water main; and final roadway restoration of trenches.

Anticipated Work Schedule

Fourth Quarter 2017

Night and weekend work operations include:

- **E 42 St between Lexington & Vanderbilt Aves:** Completion of final roadway restoration.
- **Park Ave W. between E 42 & E 41 Sts:** Daytime construction of plaza will continue (removal of existing trees, granite curbwall, granite treads & pavers, installation of trench drains, concrete pavers, paving blocks, railings & site furnishings).
- **E 40 St between Park Ave W. & Madison Ave:** Installation of 36" trunk water main.

Water Service Interruption

Throughout the course of this project, there will be temporary water service interruptions. To allow water main replacement, the existing water service must be shut off by closing the valves at either end of the section. Advanced notice will be given for all planned interruptions. Water service will be restored every day by 6am or by the end of the work shift. If additional shut downs are required, you will receive a daily notice until the work is completed.

Trash Collection

Proper trash collection can be a challenge on a project as large as this but if everyone is considerate it can be managed with a modicum of disruption. Please pack your trash properly to avoid easy breakage and/or spill over. Put it in the designated areas as close to collection time as possible. If you use a private carter,

ensure your trash collection occurs in a timely fashion. If you aren't sure where to bring your trash, please call the CCL.



Plaza Work: concrete footing for granite stair treads (l) and river bench (r)



Concrete base placement on E 42 St between Park & Lexington Aves.

Community Impacts

During construction hours, you can expect the following:

- Increased levels of dust, noise, and heavy equipment.
- Vehicular travel lane closures will be required, as well as detours. Warning signs will be posted in advance.
- Parking and driveway/loading dock restrictions, signs will be posted within the affected areas.
- Emergency vehicle access and pedestrian access to sidewalk and buildings will be maintained.

Community Construction Liaison (CCL)

The DDC has assigned **Myriam Benjamin** of JED Engineering as the **Community Construction Liaison (CCL)** for this project. Please contact Myriam for any project-related inquiries, concerns or to be added to the electronic Neighborhood Notification Network (NNN) list.

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Newsletter Distribution

The Quarterly Reconstruction Newsletter is distributed throughout the project area by the CCL and is also available at Manhattan Community Boards #5 and #6.