

The Park Avenue Tunnel Project

Community Affairs, Division of Bridges
HBM551



NEWS Letter

Summer, 2018

Well On Its Way

The NYCDOT, Division of Bridges, is in the process of rehabilitating the Park Avenue Tunnel. The project is being performed in various phases and includes structural, electrical, mechanical and fire protection updates and improvements.

Active construction is expected to continue through 2019. After completion, NYCDOT will have invested a total of \$24 million in the community.

What's New?

- The installation of a new sub-surface drainage system was completed.
- The tunnel roadway subbase and base concrete on the east side of the tunnel were installed.
- The asbestos abatement inside the tunnel was finished.



New below grade drainage system was installed in tunnel.



West side of the tunnel is prepared for installation of new roadway.



Corrugated metal ceiling panels are removed from the tunnel roof during asbestos abatement.

What's Coming Next?

- Lead paint will be abated from newly exposed bricks on the tunnel roof.
- The 34th Street Mall will be refurbished with wider walkways and safety improvements. Parapet walls will be repaired and restored.



Bill de Blasio
Mayor



Polly Trottenberg
Commissioner

Community Affairs, Division of Bridges



Noise reducing blankets cover the tunnel entrance at E. 33rd Street.



Green mesh netting covers the construction materials storage yard on Park Avenue at 40th Street.

Working With Our Community

NYCDOT is taking every measure to ensure that inconveniences during construction are kept to a minimum.

- **Environmental monitoring services** have been put in place in an effort to reduce the disturbances due to construction noise.
- **Noise levels are being monitored** with sound level meters so that they do not exceed the limits established by NYCDEP.
- **Noise reducing blankets are being utilized** during night time construction at the entrance and exit of the tunnel. These acoustical barrier blankets are designed to provide noise control while construction work is in progress.
- **Green mesh privacy netting has been installed** over the fencing at the construction yard. This keeps debris and dust particles from spilling into the surrounding area.
- **The construction yard** was re-located to the southbound side of Park Avenue between East 40th and East 41st Street.

Questions?

Patty Sarantakos of The LiRo Group is the community liaison for this project. Please contact her at [646-476-0804](tel:646-476-0804) or via email at: parkavenuetunnel2016@gmail.com.



Tunnel Closure Hours:

- 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Monday to Thursday nights
- 9:00 p.m. Friday night to 6:00 a.m. Monday