

Pershing Square Plaza East Reconstruction Project

Park Ave. between E.41st and E.42nd Streets

Project # HWPLZ015M

The NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is managing the reconstruction of a permanent plaza along the eastern portion of Park Ave. between E.41st and E.42nd Streets, including segments of the intersections of Park Ave. & E.41st St. and Park Ave. & E.42nd St., on behalf of the Department of Transportation (NYCDOT). On this project, the city contractor will fully reconstruct the Pershing Square East Plaza and improve the underlying infrastructure. This project entails streetscaping, storm sewer installation, a segment of water main replacement, utility upgrades, street lighting, traffic signal work, curb extensions, and security elements along the eastern and western plazas. The anticipated completion date for this project is October 2023.

Project Work Hours: Park Ave. East between E.41st and E.42nd Streets Monday-Friday 7:00AM to 3:30PM, Intersection of E.41st St./Park Ave. Monday-Friday 6:00AM to 2:00PM, Weekends as needed (Hours may vary depending upon specific location).

The interim eastern plaza is currently in the process of the reconstruction phase and will become a permanent pedestrian plaza within the Murray Hill section of Manhattan to provide an improved open space.

Ongoing and Upcoming Construction:

The contractor performed the excavations for the exploratory test pits to expose, identify underground utilities, and ensure that conditions are suitable to proceed with the mass excavations.

The contractor will begin the larger trenching in order to relocate/update the Con Edison utilities such as gas, electrical layouts, and ECS conduits along the intersection of E.41st St. and Park Ave. and Park Ave. from E.40th to E.41st Streets (east side).



Exploratory utility test pit along the southeast quadrant of E.41st St./Park Ave.

Special Needs

The DDC staff will work specifically with individuals that have special needs who may be uniquely impacted by the project. Please reach out to the project CCL.

Water Service Interruption

During the course of the project there will be 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. Advance notice will be given for all planned interruptions. Water service will be restored at the end of the work shift.

Community Impacts

During construction hours you can expect the following. Increased levels of dust, noise, and heavy equipment; vehicular travel lane closures and detours; parking and driveway/loading dock restrictions. Signs will be posted in advance. Emergency vehicle access, and pedestrian access to the sidewalk and buildings will be maintained at-all-times.

Trash Collection

Proper trash collection can be a challenge on a project, 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. Place 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.

The NYC DEP Harbor Protector program environmentally stewards volunteers to keep neighborhoods clean and pollution out of water ways. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Programs: Adopt a catch basin "Become a Harbor Protector" – learn how to stencil a catch basin, how to care for a rain garden including weeding and pruning as well as Rain Garden stewardship.

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/whats-new/harbor-protectors.page>.

Air and noise quality enforcement

DEP will inspect complaints related to regulated sources of air emissions and sound sources, including, but not limited to loud and afterhours construction work, noise from circulation devices, dust, and odors. Air and noise quality enforcement is not guaranteed to occur on the date of the Love Your Block event. Call 311.

Community Construction Liaison (CCL)

The DDC has assigned **Diane Guskin**, as the Community Construction Liaison (CCL) for this project. Please contact **Diane** for any project related inquiries/concerns you may have:

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Video: <http://on.nyc.gov/2YliWbd>

Newsletter Distribution

Construction Newsletters for this project are distributed regularly within the project area and to Community Board #5 & 6 and the Grand Central Partnership - Manhattan.