

# Second Avenue Subway, Route 132A Tunnels, 92nd to 63rd

New York, New York

## **Project Stats**

### Owner

MTA Construction and Development (formerly MTA Capital Construction)

## **Engineer**

AECOM - New York

# **Delivery Method**

Bid-Build

## **Construction Cost**

\$378M

## **Start Date**

March 2007

### **Completion Date**

March 2012

## **About the Project**

Skanska, as part of a joint venture, completed Contract I of Phase I of the Second Avenue Subway between 63<sup>rd</sup> Street and 92<sup>nd</sup> Street on Manhattan's Upper East Side. The project included excavation of northbound and southbound running tunnels using TBM, cut-and-cover, and mining techniques between the Lexington Avenue–63<sup>rd</sup> Street Station and 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Station. Crews also bored two 30' diameter access shafts for the 72<sup>nd</sup> Street Station and constructed a launch box from 92<sup>nd</sup> to 94<sup>th</sup> Street, which required excavation and treatment of approximately 125,000 CY of contaminated rock and soil. Additional scope included extensive utility relocations, temporary road decking, and construction of an electric substation, all while maintaining four lanes of traffic through the work zone.

The tunneling work took place adjacent to high-value high-rise buildings in a constrained urban footprint, requiring careful monitoring and construction sequencing. Skanska collaborated closely with the MTA, the construction manager, and the owner to address risks, implement design adjustments, and maintain schedule. For example, the team modified tunnel alignment to accommodate the 72<sup>nd</sup> Street and 86<sup>th</sup> Street station cavern contracts and used ground freezing to stabilize an unanticipated soft-ground section, avoiding project delays.

This contract set the foundation for subsequent phases of the Second Avenue Subway, which will ultimately extend the line along Manhattan's East Side from Lower Manhattan to  $12^{5\text{th}}$  Street.