



Quarterly Newsletter

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Welcome to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Park Avenue Viaduct (PAV) Replacement Project's quarterly newsletter. We are excited to share more project updates and recent outreach activities. Stay tuned for more updates next quarter, in January!

The PAV Replacement Project focuses on the elevated steel structure that carries four tracks along Park Avenue between East 110th Street and the Harlem River Lift Bridge. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Construction & Development (MTA C&D) and Metro-North Railroad (MNR) team will replace or repair major segments of the PAV between East 110th Street and the Harlem River Lift Bridge. Currently, a Design-Build Contract for Phase 1 work is in procurement. The Phase 1 work includes the complete replacement of the viaduct from East 115th Street to 123rd Street.

Project Updates

- In August, the Design-Build Contract RFP was released. Design-build teams will be selected by early next year.
- As part of the project's Art & Design component, a call for artists will go out in the coming weeks.

Job Information Event

The MTA, in partnership with the Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York (BCTC) and the Apprenticeship Readiness Collective (ARC) invite you to a Learning Day event to provide information about pathways into the unionized construction industry for New York residents, including programs for women, formerly justice involved, and military veterans.



Information will be available on how to qualify for construction industry preapprenticeship training and direct entry access to unionized apprenticeship programs, as well as civil service opportunities with the MTA, FDNY, and NYPD.

The event will be held on October 19th from 4-7pm at the Tito Puente Education Complex on 240 E 109th St. Registration is encouraged https://bit.ly/mtajobsevent - please help spread the word!

STEM Event

As part of the MNR PAV Replacement Project's STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics) Program, the outreach team collaborated with the Union Settlement's Engineering Club this month to host a STEM Workshop for children in grades K-5. The students engaged with outreach staff to design bridges and learn about the essential techniques for designing resistant bridges.





Community Pop-Ups

We continue to host pop-up events in the community to answer questions and provide community members information about the project. These pop-ups are held regularly in areas near or under the Park Avenue Viaduct. Please let us know if you would like to see a pop-up at a community facility or event near you.





Park Avenue Viaduct Tour

The project team held a tour for Assemblymember Amy Paulin, of the 88th Assembly District, in August. Members of the project's construction and design team showed the Assemblymember examples of viaduct deterioration that is necessitating the replacement project and interim repair work that has been achieved to keep the structure sound until it can be replaced.



Past and Upcoming Community Meetings

- A stakeholder meeting was held on September 14th, where the team provided project and stakeholder outreach updates.
- A virtual meeting was also held with the Harlem Neighborhood Block
 Association on October 11th. During this meeting, the PAV team presented
 on project details, schedule, and stakeholder outreach.

For more information about the project, please visit the project webpage <u>here</u>. If you have any general project queries or to add additional contacts to the newsletter, please email <u>payoutreach@mtacd.org</u>.



