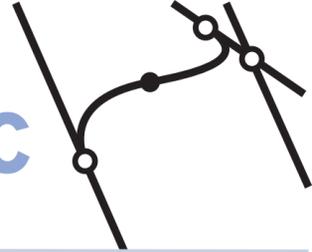


Pushing the 125th Street Extension to the Front of the Pack



What if: New York's MTA Doesn't Have Enough Money to Build the Entire Second Avenue Subway. What Sections Should be Prioritized?

The Second Avenue Subway currently under construction will operate between 63rd and 96th streets. Future phases to be built will extend the line up to 125th Street and down to Lower Manhattan. But the MTA, with its limited funds, will have to prioritize its expenditures.

We contend that an extension of the line along 125th Street is a better first step than building the line down to Lower Manhattan. This map provides an overview of which sections of the city would be provided better subway service if such an extension were built.

- Wakefield, Bronx**
 Central Bronx is mostly reliant on the Lexington Avenue Lines, but the 2 Line here is an exception. For those who travel to the East Side from here, 125 St is the transfer.
- Washington Heights**
 Though this section of Upper Manhattan benefits from two subway lines, they stay on the West Side. A transfer in Harlem would provide a quick path to the East.
- Harlem**
 Most of Central and Western Harlem has excellent access to the West Side, but terrible options for getting to the Upper East Side; a 125 St subway solves it.
- Morningside Heights**
 To get to the upper east side, inhabitants of this college town will no longer have to go all the way downtown - they can just walk a few blocks uptown.
- Metro-North Riders**
 Suburbanites from Connecticut and Upstate New York will be able to get to the Upper West Side and West Harlem once they can get on a subway at 125th street.
- Riverdale**
 People in the Western Bronx, reliant on the 1 Subway Line, cannot get to the Upper East Side except by Metro-North; this extension provides subway access.
- Grand Concourse**
 The Bronx's most prestigious street will be much closer to the mayor's mansion once they're allowed to switch trains on 125th street.
- Upper East Side**
 To get to West Harlem or Washington Heights, New York's most wealthy will no longer have to rely on the 125th street crosstown bus, which can be quite a bummer.

- Areas that would benefit directly from a 125th street extension
- Stations along first two phases of 2nd Ave Subway
- Stations along 125th street extension
- Future downtown extension of 2nd Ave Subway

