

**Summary for projects submitted to the Appropriations Committee for the FY10
Appropriations Cycle**

The proposed recipient: NYS Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)

Address of the recipient: 347 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10017

The amount of the request: \$197,182,000

Purpose of the project and why it is a good use of taxpayer funds: Phase 1 of the Second Avenue Subway includes the construction of 2.3 miles of new subway on Manhattan's East Side from 96th to 63rd Streets, connecting with the existing Broadway Line at the 63rd Street station. The project will include construction of three new stations at 96th, 86th, and 72nd Streets and modification of the existing 63rd Street station. New tunnels will be built from 92nd to 63rd Streets. The project will also include construction of ancillary facilities and the procurement of 68 rail cars. The Phase 1 project is the first part of a planned 8.5-mile subway line extending the length of Manhattan's East Side from 125th Street in East Harlem to Hanover Square in the Financial District.

The project will relieve overcrowded conditions and improve service reliability on the Lexington Avenue Line, and improve current mobility and meet future demand for commuters throughout New York City and the metropolitan area. The Lexington Avenue Line currently is the only full north-south passenger rail line serving Manhattan's East Side and is the busiest transit line in North America. This heavy passenger load (approximately 3,000 passengers at one station during a 15-minute period of the morning peak hour) causes significant delays in service due to the excessive overcrowding along station platforms and queuing on stairways.