

**Hell's Kitchen – Manhattan**

**Final Newsletter – December 2022**

**Infrastructure Upgrades along 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue between W 51<sup>st</sup> St. & W 60<sup>th</sup> St. Project # MED609-B**

The New York City Department of Design and Construction (NYCDDC) has substantially completed Project MED609-B Infrastructure Upgrades along 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Hell's Kitchen. The MED609-B work on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue was an addition to the original MED609 project which made connections to the Third Water Tunnel. This additional work included upgrades to public and private underground utilities along 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue between West 51<sup>st</sup> St. and West 60<sup>th</sup> St. Below is an overview of work completed on the MED609-B Project:

**Installation of 36" Trunk Water Mains**

Over 4,500 feet of Steel Trunk Water Mains were installed along with multiple underground chambers. By removing the old trunk water main (originally installed in 1908), and replacing it with the new 36" trunk water main, the reliability of the area's water supply system has improved and will better serve the community.

**Installation of 12" & 20" Distribution Water Mains**

Over 6,000 feet of Distribution Mains were installed, replacing existing distribution water mains dating back to 1920.

**Sewer Main Replacements and Catch Basin Relocations**

Over 500 feet of sewer lines and ten (10) catch basins were replaced or rehabilitated throughout the project area.

**Con Edison 12" & 20" Steel Gas Mains & Electrical Distribution System**

Gas Mains were replaced and upgraded in size. Upgrades were also made to Con Edison's electrical distribution system.

**Verizon/ECS Telecommunications System**

Telecommunication lines were relocated while still maintaining live service in order to install the new trunk water main.

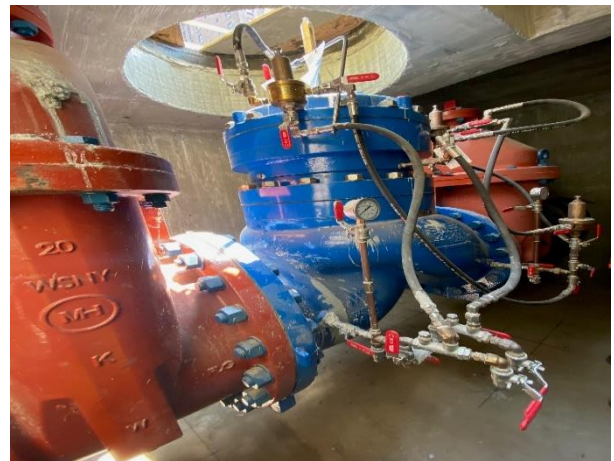
**Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

In response to the growing population, commerce and bicycle traffic of Hell's Kitchen, Community Board #4 and the NYCDOT modified the roadway design for 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The new design allows for increased visibility between bicyclists and motorists crossing the bike lane. Safety improvements designate additional space within the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue roadway for pedestrians that is buffered from traffic by both the Bike Lane and a parking lane. As part of this plan, 16 pedestrian refuge islands were constructed along with pavement markings and delineators with reflectors.

Please note there will be limited punch list work throughout the project limits which will be completed over the next several months.



Modified Roadway Design of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue (NE view from W 52<sup>nd</sup> St.)



View of 20" Pressure Regulator Valve inside Chamber at W 52<sup>nd</sup> St.

**Thank you!**

On behalf of the NYC Department of Design and Construction, we give special thanks to Community Board 4, local elected officials, residents, business owners and the community at large, for their cooperation and patience during this important project for the community and our City.

DDC assigned **Wayan Brown** as the Community Construction Liaison (CCL) for this project. **For any future questions, please contact the field office at:**

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