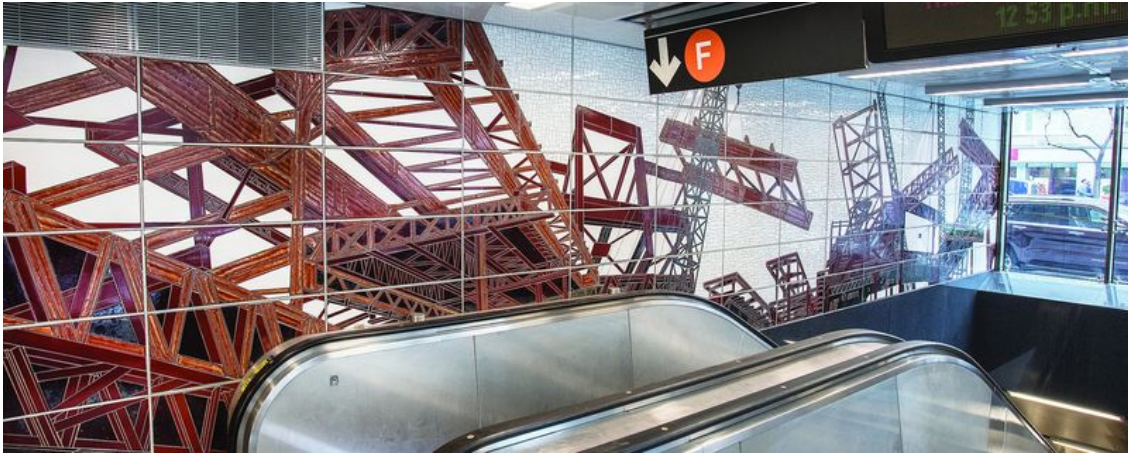




Second Avenue Subway Set to Open New Year's Day



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New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo says the Second Avenue subway extension will open on New Year's Day.

Service between 63rd Street and 96th Street will be open to the public at noon on Jan. 1, 2017.

"It's going to be an accomplishment, and a proud accomplishment, for every New Yorker," Cuomo said, during a news conference at the Museum of Modern Art on Monday. "For the design, for the architecture, for the competence that made it possible, and for the art that you see throughout it."

The art covering the walls at each of the four new stations — 63rd Street, 72nd Street, 86th Street, and 96th Street — was created by four different artists.

Artist Jean Shin used old photographs, transforming them into mosaics featuring scaffolding, cityscapes, and people going about everyday activities, like reading and pushing strollers.

She said she hopes her artwork "enlivens" commuters' experiences.

"Hopefully they're both being aware of their present surroundings, but also being transported elsewhere in their imagined space," she said.



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