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# NYC's Second Avenue Subway Opens After 100 Years

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NYC's Second Avenue Subway opened in New Year with new changes. What worked this time? (Photo: WNYC/YouTube/[www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQPfqnyNqzk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQPfqnyNqzk))

People get to see the much-awaited NYC's Second Avenue Subway that has formally opened on New Year after a hundred years of delay. Not only it gets passengers to their desired destination, but it also [featured artworks](#) of highly renowned artists like Chuck Close and Jean Shin.

[The story](#) of the Second Avenue Subway started in 1919 when a city planner named Daniel L. Turner made plans to have a new track when NY saw the growing demands of another subway. A decade later, the funds have been allocated but were pushed back because of the Great Depression and great importance was given to the Eighth Avenue subway.

Another plan was created to see the Second Avenue Subway happen but was soon lost when World War II occurred. [In an article by the NY](#)

[Times](#) in the 50's, editors doubt that the Second Avenue subway 'will ever materialize.'

Another proposal was issued a decade later and funds were distributed. However, the money was misspent and only three tunnels have been made. The 2000's saw an opportunity for the subway to be built.

It was half finished by 2006 when underground explosions and lawsuits halted the building and operations of the subway. Now, you get to understand why the long, twisted history would bring up so many characters to view the subway.

[Locals were excited](#) to get to see the legendary subway that only opened this year. Doubters, historians, train aficionados, artists and the general public descended on the stairs to see their new platform washed by art on the walls.

Hundreds of people get to test the ride on the opening day. The city government, however, noted that about 200,000 passengers will get to ride the train daily. A ride in this train lets you taste history in the making, especially when you get to feel how people made the ride possible after a century. A second phase of the subway was proposed. Will it work this time or will it fail?