

## *Deja 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue All Over Again*

You did not see it coming? Oh come on! During the 2004 elections, Rock and Roll hall of famer [John Fogerty](#) wrote and sang [Deja Vu All Over Again](#) about the conflagration in Iraq. The words [Yogi](#) made famous certainly apply when it comes to some of the so-called glamor projects of the good old MTA. Witness the [Second Avenue Subway](#): According to the MTA,

“Proposals to build a north-south subway line along Second Avenue date back to 1929, preceding the demolition of the elevated trains. Several detailed plans were proposed in the following decades. The plan developed in the 1960s proposed a two-track subway line from the Bronx to Lower Manhattan. This plan culminated in the actual construction of several tunnel segments. However, construction was suspended in the 1970s due to the city’s financial crisis.”

An official groundbreaking on April 12, 2007. Now, the [New York Times](#), [Daily News](#), [New York Post](#), [Newsday](#) and [amNY](#) (and T.V. news too) all report how we might be lucky to grab a seat perhaps in the summer of 2017.

Anyone holding their breath.

In fact two-thirds of the respondents to the Daily News on line [survey](#) selected “when pigs fly” in answer to: “When do you predict the line will ever be completed?” Only three percent believed the MTA and ten times those selected “At least five years longer than whatever the MTA says? Thus a whopping 97% of New Yorkers according to the Daily News just *Do Not Trust the MTA*. This follows a *NYI* News [poll](#) from May.

If they cannot manage basic projects – and by the way, note the disruptions experienced by local merchants and residents – how can taxpayers be asked to fork over more bucks to these peeps?

Keep NYC Free awaits the forensic accounting called for in the latest aid package.

Maybe we can find the rats who keep making our hard earned dollars that the State passes on to the coffers of the MTA seep into vast sinkholes of waste.

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By [Pete Donohue](#)

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By TOM NAMAKO, TRANSIT REPORTER

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