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Moscow Traffic Update

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Lack of coordination on road reconstruction projects is causing gridlock near Domodedovo Airport south of Moscow, Autonews.ru reported.

The projects include:

- The reconstruction of a bridge on Kashirskoye Shosse
- The reconstruction of the M-4 highway
- And the reconstruction of the road to Domodedovo Airport (between the 22th kilometer and 35th kilometer mark from the Moscow Ring Road)

All projects began more or less simultaneously this summer, Rossisskaya Gazeta reported.

Work on the M-4 highway near the intersection with Kashirskoye Shosse in the town of Yam is causing rush-hour jams more than 10 kilometers long.

Diversion roads in the town of Novosyanovo and on Brestskaya Ulitsa, just north of Domodedovo Airport are being clogged up by the construction on Kashirskoye Shosse.

Traffic jams are also being reported near the town of Vostryakovo, where drivers attempting to avoid the M-4/Kashirskoye Shosse debacle are merging in large numbers.

Critics point out that the projects had been announced well in advance and could have been timed to ease traffic flows.

The Federal Road Agency, the state-owned company responsible for repaving the road to Domodedovo Airport, has promised to complete work by Sept. 5. The companies responsible for the two other projects say they cannot work any faster.

For the foreseeable future, then, traffic problems in the Moscow region south of the city are set to continue unabated.

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