

Moscow Metro to Get Translated Signs, New Cars

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Signs with English translations of station names will be installed in the Moscow metro as part of the city's effort to make the city more comfortable for foreign visitors, a city transport official said Tuesday, RIA-Novosti reported.

At present, signs indicating the names of adjoining stations at transfer points in the Moscow metro are only in Cyrillic.

Wi-fi hotspots will also be created on Circle Line stations of the metro, said Maxim Liksutov, head of the city transit department. The changes are part of the city's plans to create an international financial center in Moscow, RIA-Novosti reported.

Liksutov said 400 old metro cars will be replaced with new ones this year and that three new stations will be opened: Novokosino in the east, Alma-Atinskaya in the south, and Pyatnitskoye Shosse in the northwest.

The transport official also said 30 percent of station doors will be replaced with lighter ones that are easier for the elderly and children to open and that are not susceptible to slamming

into passengers when blown by strong winds.

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