

City Hall Planning New Amenities for Central Moscow

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More walking space will appear near Kamergersky Pereulok, above. **Igor Tabakov**

City Hall has announced plans to organize three new pedestrian zones and install a large-scale network of public toilets across the city center.

Pyotr Biryukov, deputy mayor for housing and public amenities, told journalists Wednesday that authorities had settled on three routes for the pedestrian zones and that they would stretch 14 kilometers in total, Kommersant reported.

Biryukov said that all three zones would be paved and equipped with benches and that the first, stretching from the statue of Moscow's founder, Yuri Dolgoruky, on Tverskaya Ulitsa to Lubyanskaya Ploshchad, would be ready by the end of the year.

Another pedestrian route, from the Tretyakov Gallery to Bolotnaya Ploshchad, should open in early 2013, the City Hall official said. He did not say when the longest route, from Gagarin

Square on Leninsky Prospekt to Kievsky Station, would be finalized.

Biryukov's comments come after Mayor Sergei Sobyenin said in June that city authorities were aiming to develop more than 100 such pedestrian areas as a means of beautifying the city for residents and attracting tourists.

Meanwhile, city officials are to install more than a thousand public toilets near metro stations and other busy urban areas, Biryukov told Gazeta.ru.

Biryukov said that all the public toilets would be pay toilets and that Moscow authorities hoped to attract private investors to finance the scheme.

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