

## Road Builder Plans 118 New Kilometers in 2013

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Avtodor installed toll booths on the M4 Don highway and sells remote-payment passes like the U.S. E-Z pass.

State highway company Avtodor will bring on line 117.5 kilometers of new and rebuilt highways in 2013, a company spokesman said.

In 2012, the firm completed 79 kilometers of new and rebuilt roads. It also took a segment of the M3 highway to Ukraine under management.

At the end of 2012, the company was responsible for managing 2,620 kilometers of highway.

In 2013, it will become responsible for an additional 28 kilometers as a result of completing new routes.

The additions include the northern bypass of Odintsovo on the M1 Belarus (18.5 kilometers) and the access road from Pervoye Uspenskoye Shosse to the Oditnsovo bypass (6.9

kilometers) in the western part of the Moscow region.

The state company is counting on 99 billion rubles (\$3.2 billion) in subsidies from the federal budget in 2013 for new construction and rehabilitation of existing roads.

Nonbudget funds for the work will reach 6.1 billion rubles. Last year's subsidy reached 64.8 billion rules, and nonbudget funding was at 3.7 billion rubles.

Avtodor was created in 2009 to serve as the main customer for design, construction and maintenance of roads.

It is authorized to issue concessions for toll roads and manage federal highways, such as the M1 Belarus, the M4 Don and the M3 Ukraine.

The firm is also building the Central Ring Road in the Moscow region, an additional beltway designed to offload truck traffic from the Moscow Ring Road. It is also the contractor for the new high-speed road link to St. Petersburg.

Avtodor expects to have 3,118 kilometers of road under management by 2020.

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