

Sobyanin Wants New Roads and a Disneyland - Perhaps by 2020

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Mayor Sergei Sobyanin hopes that by 2020 Moscow will boast streets free of traffic jams and its own Disneyland-style amusement park.

Sobyanin, speaking in an <u>interview</u> published Monday in Rossiiskaya Gazeta, said that huge infrastructure projects would be carried out over the next seven years, including the complete renovation of railroad tracks and major thoroughfares, like Dmitrovskoye Shosse, leading out of the city, and the laying of 150 kilometers of new metro lines.

By 2020, all large-scale construction and reconstruction projects in the transportation sector will be completed, he said.

"There will be no wide-area construction sites that obstruct people," Sobyanin said.

As for this year, City Hall hopes to attract sponsors to construct a transportation junction near

Belorussky Station by 2015, he said. Plans are also under way to create 19 pedestrian zones with a total length of 25 kilometers, in particular by enlarging sidewalks, removing street advertisements and planting trees and flowers.

Also this year, City Hall may hold a tender for a Disneyland-style park in the Nagatinskaya Poima park in southeast Moscow.

"It is evident that the city needs this kind of theme park filled with rides and sports facilities," Sobyanin said.

A plan for the theme park has been drafted, and City Hall is looking for investors, he said.

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