

Moscow Could Get 4 New Train Stations

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Russian Railways has announced a project that could see four new train stations spring up in the capital.

Plans for two new stations hosting high-speed trains have been submitted to city authorities. Two other stations are also being considered in order to service the territory added to the city in July 2011 when land in the Moscow region was annexed, according to Izvestia.

RBK reported the sum of investment in the new facilities at 85 billion rubles (\$2.7 billion).

New stations are needed to accommodate three new high-speed trains that will connect Moscow with St. Petersburg, Ekaterinburg and Adler. The trains will be capable of speeds up to 400 kilometers per hour, which is twice the speed of the Sapsan trains that currently run between St. Petersburg and the capital.

The two new stations are to host the eastern and southern branches of the high-speed network. The terminus of the eastern branch will be located at Perovo, near Moscow's Kursky

station, while the southern branch will end at Tsaritsyno, south of the city center.

Valentin Murashov of the Institute of Economics and Transport Development, a subsidiary of Russian Railways, told Izvestia that building the stations outside of central Moscow might not be ideal for all travelers, but he stressed the importance of the new lines for cutting journey times.

Now, there is no major station dedicated to serving the territory of expanded Moscow southwest of the capital, Murashov added.

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