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Baumanskaya Metro Closed for Repairs to World's Oldest Subway Escalators

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The Baumanskaya metro station in Moscow.

Moscow's Baumanskaya metro station, on the Dark Blue Line, will be closed until next year as it undergoes renovations, the metro's press service said Friday.

Baumanskaya, named after Bolshevik revolutionary Nikolai Bauman, was opened in the mid-1940s and has the oldest working escalators of any subway system in the world, the statement said.

Those escalators will be replaced in the remodeling work because they have "fully exhausted" their service life, and the ventilation system and building will also be upgraded, the press service said.

Free buses marked with an "M" for "metro" will run the route from neighboring stations while Baumanskaya is closed, said the statement, posted on the metro's website.

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