

New Purple Line Station to Open in May as Moscow Metro Celebrates 80th Anniversary

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Moscow's newest metro station is set to open its doors in May, as the city moves forward this year with plans to open its 200th station in honor of the Moscow metro's 80th anniversary, Russian media reported.

"We are planning this year to build 12 kilometers of metro lines and eight new stations. We are now finishing construction on the Kotelniki station — on the Purple Line — which is set to open in May," Marat Khusnullin, a deputy mayor for city planning policy and construction, said in an interview with newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda on Tuesday.

Kotelniki will become the Purple Line's southernmost stop.

There will also be an expansion of the Light Green Line in the north, with the stations Butyrskaya, Fonvizinskaya and a new parallel station of the Gray Line's Petrovsko-Razumovskaya set to open in September.

The Light Green Line's new Petrovsko-Razumovskaya station will be the metro's 200th, Khusnullin said in the Komsomolskaya Pravda interview, which was republished on the metro's website.

Also set to open this year are Khovrino at the end of the Dark Green Line in the northwest and Rumyantsevo and Salaryevo at the end of the Red Line in the southwest.

Khusnullin added that 35 metro stations are expected to be built within the next three years.

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