

Moscow-Kazan Highway Delayed Until 2027 – Vedomosti

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Russia's Transportation Ministry expects to build a toll road linking Moscow with the city of Kazan by 2027, three years after its original planned completion date, the *Vedomosti* business daily has reported.

Finance Minister Anton Siluanov last week [authorized](#) the Transportation Ministry to start building two sections of the Moscow-Kazan highway. The toll road is part of Russia's multibillion-dollar infrastructure revitalization [plan](#), which includes developing strategic routes such as the Europe-western China transport [corridor](#).

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The Moscow-Kazan highway will be built by 2027, an unnamed Transportation Ministry official [told](#) *Vedomosti* on Tuesday. Two outlying sections of the road are expected to be built by 2024.

The official said the project's budget has been cut from 539 billion rubles (\$8.5 billion) to 250 billion rubles (\$3.9 billion). Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev has final say on the plan.

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The Russian government is [pursuing](#) a 6.3 trillion ruble (\$96 billion) six-year modernization plan to revamp the country's highways, airports, railways, ports and other transport infrastructure through 2024.

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