

Moscow Congestion Charge

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Motorists looking for a drive in downtown Moscow may be required to pay a toll as early as next year, according to a draft of a development plan for the city passenger transportation network for 2011-13, released by the City Hall's transport department.

The draft, released late last week, provided no exact figures for charges but said the measure would help speed buses and trams in the city center, notorious for its traffic jams. The idea of charging vehicles for entry into downtown Moscow has been considered periodically by the city since at least 2007, when then-Mayor Yury Luzhkov first publicly proposed the measure.

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