

Muscovites to Help With Names for New Metro Stations

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The Marina Roshcha metro station, opened in 2010

Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyenin will let Muscovites participate in the selection of names for the 70 new metro stations planned in the next few years, Deputy Mayor Marat Khusnullin said.

City residents will be able to vote for names on a special website dedicated to the purpose, Khusnullin said during an interview with TV station Moskva-24.

Metro station and street names are currently selected from proposals by the city's interdepartmental commission for naming, but their decisions sometimes cause objections from the public.

In one case, residents of the Bratveyevo neighborhood objected to plans for a new station to be named Alma-Atinskaya after the former Kazakh capital.

Khusnullin also gave an update on metro construction, saying the Novokosino, Pyatnitskaya

and Alma-Atinskaya stations will open this year and 8.5 kilometers of new track will enter service.

Ambitious plans to add 70 stations and 150 kilometers of new metro track by 2020 were announced in April, an expansion that will include five new stations in the city center and a second ring line.

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