

# Novosibirsk Mayor Says China 'Ready' to Help Develop Public Transport Network

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A metro bridge over the Ob River in Novosibirsk. **Elena Chernenko (CC BY-SA 4.0)**

A major state-owned Chinese construction company is prepared to help expand the public rail and road networks in the Siberian city of Novosibirsk, the mayor's office [announced](#) Thursday.

Novosibirsk Mayor Maxim Kudryavtsev said in a statement that his administration met with representatives from the China Railway Tunnel Group, a subsidiary of the government-owned China Railway Group.

The sides discussed "the design and extension of the Novosibirsk metro line, the construction of a new runway at Tolmachevo Airport, as well as the construction of the Southern Transit [highway project]."

Kudryavtsev said Novosibirsk would be willing to work with CRTG "if they offer a competitive price and quality." If a construction deal is approved, the Novosibirsk city administration said it would be CRTG's first time working on a project in Russia.

Beijing and Moscow have grown closer since Russia launched its invasion of Ukraine, with trade between the two countries [surging](#) to record highs last year.

Russian President Vladimir Putin visited China in May on his first trip abroad after re-election and met his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping again this month at a regional summit in Kazakhstan.

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