

THE ARCHITECTURAL APPEARANCE OF TWO NEW MOSCOW METRO STATIONS WILL BE SELECTED IN AN OPEN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

The Open International Competition began on March 17, 2022. It is aimed at developing the architectural appearance of the Ostrov Mechty and Zagorye metro stations of the Biryulyovskaya line. The goal of the competition is to find the optimal architectural and artistic designs for the passenger zones and entrance halls of the stations. The closing date for competition applications is April 28, 2022.

The competition is being held with support from the Moscow government and Sergey Kuznetsov, the chief architect of Moscow. The competition is organized by the Mosinzhproekt Group of Companies, the main designer and general contractor of Moscow metro development programs. Agency for Strategic Development CENTER is the operator of the competition.

The quality and feasibility of the projects will be assessed by a professional jury chaired by Andrey Bochkaryov, Deputy Mayor of Moscow in the Moscow Government for Urban Planning Policy and Construction. The jury also includes Sergey Kuznetsov, Chief Architect of Moscow, Yuri Kravtsov, CEO of Mosinzhproekt JSC, Viktor Kozlovskiy, Head of the Moscow Metro, as well as leading Russian and foreign specialists in architecture, design, and urban planning.

Andrey Bochkaryov, Deputy Mayor of Moscow in Urban Planning and Construction, considers the construction of the Biryulevskaya line one of the most important transport projects in the capital. It will bring the metro to the Biryulyovo Zapadnoye and Biryulyovo Vostochnoye districts «The new line will improve transport services in the south of the capital, including the rapidly developing areas of ZIL and Nagatinskiy Zaton, as well as the renovation neighborhoods under construction. The plan is to remove load from the central sections of the Serpukhovsko-Timiryazevskaya and Zamoskvoretskaya lines, reducing traffic intensity and improving the environmental situation in the areas», said Andrey Bochkarev, «At the same time, in developing the metro network, we strive to create an individual interior for each station, in line with the traditions of Moscow Metro construction».

Sergey Kuznetsov, Chief Architect of Moscow and Deputy President of the Jury, said that since 2012, the Moscow City Architecture Committee has already held more than 100 competitions, including metro development projects. At all times and in all circumstances, our primary objective is to pursue architectural standards of the highest quality, and competitions are a versatile tool for this. The Moscow Metro directly reflects the modern era. Turning points in history create not just masterpieces, but new directions in art and culture. For all artists, which architects certainly are, this is an invaluable experience and opportunity. I emphasize that we are open to working with international teams.

Yuri Kravtsov, General Director of Mosinzhproekt JSC, noted that the current Open Competition for the development of architectural designs for metro stations is the sixth one organized by Mosinzhproekt. «Thanks to previous competitions starting in 2014, we have developed unique designs for 11 metro stations. Four of them are already open to passengers. These are Solntsevo and Novoperedelkino stations of the Solntsevskaya line, opened in 2018, and Mnyovniki and Terekhovo stations of the Bolshaya Koltsevaya line, which opened in 2021. By the end of the year, we will have completed the construction of several more stations on the Bolshaya Koltsevaya line», he said. Kravtsov noted that the construction of the Biryulyovskaya line, a new 21 km long radial line of the Moscow metro with 10 stations, is another significant project for Moscow's transport infrastructure. «We will be using modern construction materials and powerful equipment in the construction, in particular, tunnel boring machines with a diameter of 10 meters. Our purpose is to link this project with the current urban environment using digital technology», he concluded.



Open International Competition for Development of the Architectural Concept of Moscow Metro Stations

The practice of holding professional competitions for the development of the architectural and artistic look of Moscow metro stations was revived in 2014 on the initiative of Moscow Mayor Sergey Sobyenin.

The international competition for the development of the architectural appearance of two Moscow metro stations is open to Russian and foreign architectural bureaus (with a Russian representative office or in consortium with a Russian partner) that are able to attract designers, engineers, planners, and specialists in economics and financial modeling to their team.

To participate, it is necessary to complete an application form on the competition's official website at <https://designmetro.ru/> by April 28 and, in the first qualifying stage, to provide a portfolio of relevant projects and an essay describing the key ideas in the architectural and artistic design of the stations.

The proposed concepts for station design should be harmoniously combined with the current town-planning and cultural and historical context of their locations and be in line with the spirit of the times, technologically advanced, adapted to the movement of all population categories, and also be convenient from the point of view of navigation.

In August, the jury will decide on which projects to implement in the future.

About the competition sites

Ostrov Mechty is a future transfer station with Technopark station of the Zamoskvoretskaya line. The project includes an elevated walkway with travelators, two lobbies and exits to Prospect Andropova and the Ostrov Mechty Entertainment Park, as well as to existing and future residential, business, and public buildings and surface passenger transport stops. The station complex will be located on a section of the subsurface metro line. The design calls for two single-track tunnels to approach the station, resulting in the station being designed with a single island transfer platform. Due to the depth of the access tunnels, the station and one lobby will be located predominately underground. The station's other lobby will be above ground. The underground zone includes a pedestrian crossing, one lobby, and the passenger platform. The second, above-ground lobby will include an elevated walkway (bridge) to Technopark station, ventilation ducts, and stairways and elevators with entrance halls with access to the surface.

Zagorye is a future station located along Lipetskaya Street. The station will have two lobbies, northern and southern. The southern concourse will have exits at the intersection of Lebedyanskaya Street and Lipetskaya Street. Both lobbies will have exits to Lipetskaya Street, which is adjacent to the Tsaritsyno natural-historical park. The station complex will be located on a section of the subsurface metro line. According to the design, one dual-track tunnel will approach the station, resulting in the station being designed with two transfer platforms. Due to the depth of access tunnel, the whole station will be located underground. The underground zone will feature pedestrian crossings, lobbies, and the passenger platforms. Only the ventilation ducts and stairways/elevators with entrance halls will have access to the surface.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Mosinzhproekt Group of Companies

The leader in the Moscow construction market and one of the largest engineering holdings in Russia. The group of companies implements the full range of works – from the creation of ideas for the integrated development of territories or the creation of facilities, design, construction, and attraction of investment, to the commissioning and administration of facilities and real estate. The company implemented several landmark projects in Moscow Sports Arena of the Luzhniki Olympic Complex, Zaryadye Park, the Zaryadye Moscow Concert Hall, the Gymnastics Palace of the Luzhniki Olympic Complex, and the Helikon Opera Theater.



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Mosinzhproekt is the operator of the Moscow Metro development program, a participant in the program for the development of Moscow transport hubs, an administration company for civil project construction of key Moscow road facilities, and a management company for development projects.

Agency for Strategic Development CENTER

The Agency is a Russian analytical and consulting organization that works on multi-purpose projects in the sphere of development and urban planning, in addition to being one of the top operators of various architecture, urban planning, and design competitions. CENTER Agency was founded in Moscow in 2014. It deals with matters related to comprehensive land and real estate development and to the quality of the urban environment in more than 60 Russian regions. The company's portfolio features projects commissioned by major developers, investment companies, land and facility owners, federal and regional authorities, and professional communities.

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