

## **EXPRESS INFORMATION**

## NEW BUSES, ELECTRIC BUSES, TRAMS FOR MOSCOW IN 2019

he Moscow city is to start operating 1,700 new buses, trams and electric buses in 2019, Deputy Moscow Mayor and Head of the City Department of Transport and Road Infrastructure Development Maxim Liksutov said at a Moscow Government Presidium meeting.

The city also plans to set up 32 kilometres of designated vehicle lanes and 60 kilometres of enclosed tram tracks. In addition, the city will continue to develop alternative transport systems. «Bike-sharing stations are to receive 1,000 new bicycles in the run-up to the summer season. Moreover, 15,000 new taxi cabs and 5,000 carsharing vehicles will be delivered throughout 2019», Mr Liksutov noted.

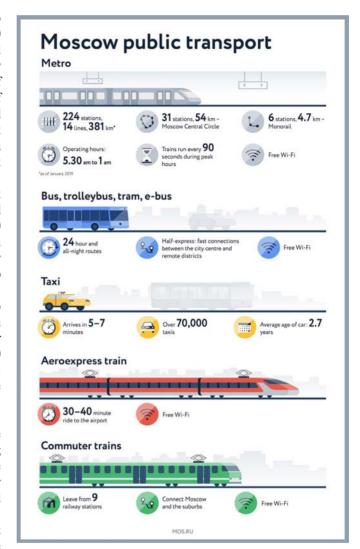
The city will also improve online services, including Moscow Transport mobile apps, the City loyalty programme for Troika card holders, and others.

Efforts will be made to boost road traffic safety and to reduce road accident rates. Local

authorities also want to focus on each passenger's personal requirements.

Since 2010, the city has purchased 9,993 buses, trams, trolleybuses and electric buses. The local bus fleet had been renewed completely by 2018, with the introduction of new, low-floor and environmentally-friendly vehicles.

September 2018 was the month of the inauguration of the first electric bus launched to operate a city line, marking the



implementation of a new-generation passenger system. Today, the city operates 45 electric buses on five routes; they have carried over one million passengers to date.

The public transport system is becoming more and more popular, carrying 5,6 billion passengers in 2018, 460 million more than in 2010.

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