

KYIV MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

KYIV CONTINUES TO OFFER RELIEF MEASURES TO SMES AND KYIVANS



Small and medium businesses taking part in the national programme of affordable loans, can qualify for affordable loans at 2.5 - 4.5% of annual interest, wrote Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko in a Facebook post.

“ We have assessed the contractual terms of the national programme of affordable loans and worked closely with the Entrepreneurship Development Foundation and partnering banks to be able to provide loans at the reduced 2.5- 4.5% of annual interest for

businesses based in Kyiv. No other Ukrainian city offers such terms!” explained Klitschko.

The City Council supported his initiative to waive fees for outdoor permits for open-air cafes and terraces as well as street trading kiosks, portable coffee shops and makeshift shops. “SMEs are drivers of the city’s economy and the municipality must do everything possible to provide relief assistance to them and help them recover. I am certain that together we will get through this crisis sooner,” stressed the mayor.

“The municipality continues to take care of vulnerable populations. Since the beginning of the restrictions in Kyiv, we have provided almost €15M as welfare payouts for 4,415 Kyivans suffering hardship due to the coronavirus crisis,” wrote Klitschko. “The municipal Kyiv Coordination Centre for Vulnerable Populations has delivered almost 55,000 food baskets.” The Centre also provides free of charge transportation for 140 patients receiving dialysis treatment.

“My special thank you goes to the city services, charities, socially responsible business and volunteers, who contribute their resources to help the vulnerable residents,” he said.

ROAD NETWORK RENOVATION IN FULL SWING

Kyiv is making a good progress in summer road repairs.



“Over the past few years the municipality has been improving the city infrastructure, although causing many inconveniences. The road network, bridges and overpasses which we have inherited were in a terrible state, some of them had not been repaired for 50-60 years. About 70 such objects were reaching their breaking point and in dire need of major overhaul. Just recall how ‘tired’ Rusanivsky bridge or Bohatysky overpass or Shulyavsky bridge have been! We also had to build Borschahytsky overpass practically anew,” explained Vitali Klitschko.

Pivdenny bridge which is one of the main city’s arteries is also waiting for reconstruction. The works which are expected to be completed by late August are taking place at night to reduce the inconvenience.

“The traffic load on bridges in Kyiv is too heavy since all heavy duty trucks transiting across the river have to travel through Kyiv. The closest suitable bridge is about 300

kilometres away and also in bad condition,” remarked Klitschko.

Another road repair project is the intersection of Stepana Bandery av. and Heroiv Stalingrada av. which will open to traffic by early August.

Ivana Franka street, a part of Kyiv’s historical centre has also been renovated. “We upgraded parking spots, installed a bike lane, new LED-lighting and made improvements for sight-impaired people. The street underwent renovations 30 years ago,” revealed the mayor.

Road improvement projects also involve the complete replacement of storm drain pipes. Over the past few years the city has rehabilitated three depreciated storm sewers. “The stormwater drainage system is 800 km in length and its greatest part has not been renovated for decades. This is why the complete street improvements always include storm drain network upgrade,” he said.

KYIV SHARES EXPERIENCE IN ENERGY



Desnyansky district community have presented a successful case of the complete insulation of a residential building. In attendance were the President of the Swiss Confederation Simonetta Sommaruga, Ukraine's Minister for Communities and Territory Development Oleksiy Chernyshov and Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko. The project which cost the city €1.8 million, includes a separate building boiler, facade insulation, replaced heating, hot and cold water pipes, and electric control room.

As Mayor Klitschko told at the presentation, Kyiv sets an example for other Ukrainian cities. The municipality has allocated over €100 million to this year's energy efficient

projects. It also continues its thermal insulation programme for the municipal schools and kindergartens. 28 such facilities have seen a complete thermal rehabilitation, another 200 partial thermal modernisation.

Also, Kyiv leads the way in refunding the 'warm loans' under the national programme. The city refunded over €37 million to over 200 homeowners' associations in Kyiv that have benefitted from it to retrofit their buildings.

Energy efficiency programmes help Kyivans cut their utility bills and invest in repairs of their homes.



Under 70/30 insulation project 70% of retrofit costs are paid by the municipality and only 30% by the residents.

“600 residential buildings have already taken part in the programme, under which the residents invested over €253 million to insulate their homes and the city infused €516 million. Home improvements include new building boilers, energy efficient windows and doors, roof repairs, facade

insulation, and LED lighting. People significantly decrease utility costs and return the investments in energy efficiency during a couple of heating seasons,” said Klitschko.

President Sommaruga remarked that Switzerland faces the same problem of energy losses in old buildings, so she is pleased to examine Kyiv’s approach and learn about the projects’ outcomes. “Our priority is to cut the expenses of the residents and reduce the emissions from electricity and heat generation. This is why we pay close attention to any effective solutions to improve old buildings energy efficiency. I am pleased that it all comes along so nicely in Kyiv!” she underlined.

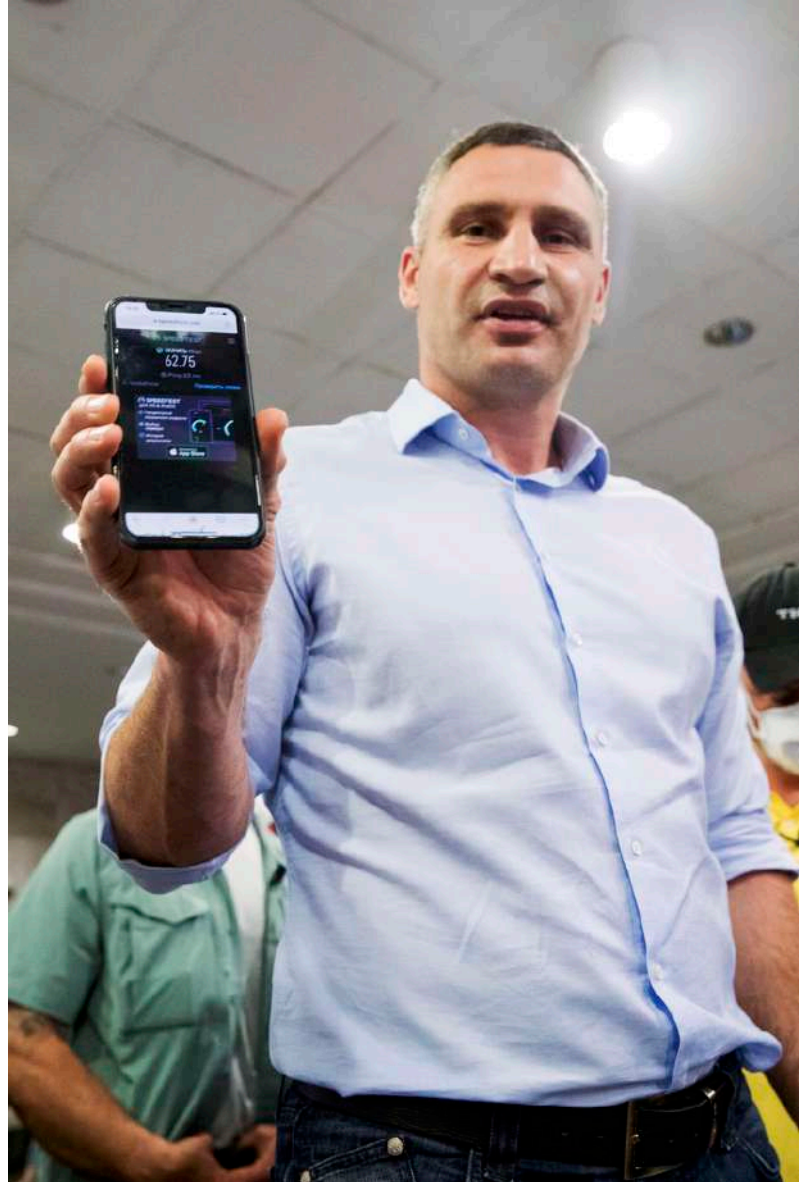
KLITSCHKO: 4G WIRELESS CONNECTION NOW AVAILABLE IN 9 METRO STATIONS IN KYIV

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko together with local cellular carriers unveiled the 4G wireless service in Kyiv metro. “Together with major cellular carriers we are unveiling the 4G wireless service in eight metro stations. As you may know, the ninth station Akademmistechko has long had the trial 4G coverage,” said Klitschko.

According to Klitschko, mobile carriers will upgrade some equipment set in metro stations to 4G. “This is a long-term, large scale and challenging project which involves key market players, state institutions and a contractor. But I say that there has been plenty of progress in 4G network coverage,” he mentioned.

Kyiv mayor underlined that such public-private partnerships set an example and generate more innovative projects. “Besides, my congratulations to Kyivans! Our city is becoming smarter and more liveable,” he said.

As of now, the 4G network covers altogether nine metro stations: Akademmistechko, Zhytomyrska, Sviatoshyn, Heroiv Dnipra, Minska, Obolon, Syrets, Dorohozhychi and Lukianivska.



OVER 75,000 RENTED BIKE TRIPS OVER 2 YEARS

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko told that over two years of the public bike-sharing system operation there have been over 75,000 trips. “The public bike-sharing service which we have delivered two years ago is becoming increasingly popular among Kyivans. Two years ago only 32 bike rental stations were available. Currently, there are 302 dock stations across the city, with the number of bikes reaching 2,000 by the end of this month,” revealed Klitschko.

According to him, Nextbike, a bike-sharing operator rebranded as Bikenow, launched a new application and reduced a ride price. Kyiv is further developing the cycling network, which is now almost 100 km long. The length of cycle paths along major public transport lanes totals another 17 km. All fully reconstructed streets accommodate bicyclists.

«On request of the cycling community, we are building a bike ramp from Naberezhne highway up to the Metro Bridge. Work should be complete by mid-July. We are also accelerating construction of bike parking facilities near metro stations and public facilities,” underlined Klitschko.



ENERGY INCINERATION PLANT TO HAVE NEW FLUE GAS CLEANING SYSTEM BY SEPTEMBER

Kyiv's Energy incineration plant, the only operating waste incineration facility in Ukraine is finalizing its cleaning filters replacement.

The plant which generates heat by burning a quarter of all municipal solid waste, replaces the flue gas filters. "Three such filters have been replaced over the past few years and by September the plant will complete the project," said Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko.

Also, in two years the chemical cleaning exhaust gas system will be put into operation, designed to meet the European environmental standards. "Kyiv needs a complex waste management solution. With this in mind, we are continuing to investigate new waste treatment options and at the same time to negotiate with investors. Besides, the reclamation of Pidhirtsi solid waste landfill is in progress," stated Klitschko.

