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CHANGE STARTS WITH KYIV

Podilsko-Voskresenski bridge construction in full swing

Construction work on the Podilsko-Voskresenskiy Bridge is in full swing now. In a video Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko posted on Facebook, he revealed that Kyiv has received the first batch of wire cables for the bridge.



“Construction continues even through the winter period. The upper part of temporary trestles which have been supporting the bridge arch is removed. Now the project moves into its next phase. New cables will be installed that will bear the load of the bridge deck designed to carry road traffic and metro lanes. Bridon-Bekaert factory which is one of top wire rope manufacturers, produces the cables for the bridge,” said Klitschko. “I have visited the factory in Gelsenkirchen, Germany and arranged for wire stays to be shipped to Kyiv. By this April the manufacturer will ship all 68 gigantic cables. Now, this is the first batch of them. With the cables in place, we will remove the lower part of trestles, and the bridge will be set,” he told.

Under the supervision of the Dutch construction experts work crews have already installed bridge beams. Powerful cranes lifted these giant beams, each weighing 10 tons, into place.

Klitschko also revealed that construction of other bridge segments, exit ramps and overpasses is also well underway. “We are very intent on completing Podilsko-Voskresenskiy bridge to open it to traffic by the year-end, followed by an extension of the metro line. Let me emphasize that Podilsko-Voskresenskiy bridge is expected to be the longest arch bridge in Europe, spanning over 10 km, with six traffic lanes, two metro tracks on a lower deck and a pipeline,” he said.

Designed traffic volume of the bridge is 60,000 vehicles per day. The bridge will dramatically relieve pressure on major transport arteries. Currently, the average daily traffic performance of five city bridges ranges from 300,000 to nearly 900,000 vehicles in rush hours.

The bridge construction started in 2003, but the project planning reaches back to 1979. Funding for the project is provided by the city of Kyiv. This year the city council will allocate €3 billion to complete the project, on top of 5 billion already been spent on construction.



Illegally parked vehicles towed away in just 2 mins

As Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko revealed, Kyiv's new towing trucks remove cars parked in a no-parking zone, in just two minutes.

“We continue to remove improperly parked vehicles from the city streets. Now it takes only two minutes to take away a car parked illegally. A driver of a towing truck needn't even get out for it,” said Klitschko. He noted that the city's fleet has various tow cranes to fulfil its towing needs: flatbed, wheel-lift and the latest addition - with fork-like hydraulic arms - altogether 22 vehicles.

“The parking inspection works two shifts a day now. We will continue to staff it to ensure operation 24/7,” informed Klitschko.



Currently, there are 30 employees there. The city contracts with five local towing companies - two municipal and three privately owned.

“Together with the Main Police Department in Kyiv, we are seeking to reuse some land plots located not far from the city centre to build impound lots. Their central location will shorten the turnaround time for towing trucks and enable the parking inspection to work in new areas. Gradually inspection service area is expanding, in particular to Berezhnyaki neighbourhood. Soon inspectors will patrol also streets adjacent to Akademmistechko and Zhytomyska metro stations,” told Vitali Klitschko.

Klitschko: metro expansion to Vynohradar on schedule



Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko inspected the progress of construction of Mostytska and Prospekt Pravdy metro stations to ensure work is moving forward as planned.

“There has been plenty of speculation about whether the city would complete construction in time. A representative of Kyivmetrobud company which builds the metro extension assured me that work remains on schedule. The city fulfils its obligation to open new metro stations by the end of 2021,” emphasized Vitali Klitschko.

He reminded that in November there was still an empty construction site. “Now everything is ready for assembling and launching a tunnel boring machine. In February a TBM will be assembled and in April tunnelling is expected to start. The area has its transport peculiarities, so plans call for a tunnel from Mostytska station toward Prospekt Pravdy to be double-decked. Excavation works are well underway. A mid-tunnel ventilation shaft is already located,” told the mayor.

According to a representative of Kyivmetrobud company, funding for the construction is available, and the company is on track for the inauguration of two new stations by December 2021.

“The city has already allocated ₴4 billion for the project and is committed to cover the total cost of construction which is about ₴6 billion. Together with urban activists and media we will monitor work progress and demand of Kyivmetrobud to meet its obligations fully and on time,” said Klitschko.

A total length of the track under construction is 3,7 km. The extension will see a daily ridership of 90,000.

Klitschko reveals how to move around Kyiv faster

In a Facebook post Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko told how to move around the city faster, saving money and fuel, and cutting emissions.

“Do you know that there is a green wave on 49 city traffic routes? Those are streets where a driver can travel at a speed of 40-60 kph to get a wave of green traffic lights. Do check it! Surfing a green wave shortens the average travel time, reduces fuel consumption by 10-12% and cuts emissions by 13-18%. It also improves road safety, reducing traffic accidents by 10-15%,” he explained.

A list of streets where green waves installed in Kyiv is available on www.kiev.klichko.org.



Klitschko commemorates the Holocaust victims

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko has taken part in 'Six Million Hearts' event in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. Since 2012 Ukraine marks the Holocaust Memorial Day every January 27.

Six memorial candles were lit during the ceremony in memory of six million people killed during the Holocaust. In attendance were also Ambassador of Israel Joel Lion, British Ambassador to Ukraine Melinda Simmons, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. at the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv Kristina Kvien, heads and representatives of diplomatic missions of Canada, Belgium, Latvia and Sweden, former prisoners of concentration camps and ghettos, the Righteous Among the Nations and representatives of Jewish youth organisations.



“It is vital we remember the horrific events of the past so they are not repeated and make sure we never forget lessons the history taught us. To keep the memories alive in each Kyiv school today kids are learning about the tragedy of Babyn Yar, where over 100,000 people were murdered for their race,” said Vitali Klitschko.

He underlined that his task as the mayor of Kyiv is to ensure that the memories of the tragedy will live on. “With this in view, we must create the Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Centre over the next few years. This is our common task, a mission that everyone must complete,” he stressed.

According to Ambassador of Israel to Ukraine Joel Lion, 1,5 million of Jews have been massacred in Ukraine alone. “Every fourth victim of the Holocaust came from Ukraine. There was no small hope for them that the army would rescue them. They were not only stripped naked but shown not the slightest sign of compassion,” told Ambassador Lion. He emphasized that the Ukrainian government puts a lot of effort to combat anti-Semitism but also called on to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance’s definition of anti-Semitism.