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Construction of the Moscow-St. Petersburg high-speed highway is planned to begin in 2021. Until 2024, the section of the highway € from Moscow will be ready, First Deputy Minister of Transport of the Russian Federation Innokenty Alafinov said within the framework of the Russian Public-Private Partnership Week (PPP).



"We are starting next year to implement the first stage of the CSM. This is the way out of Moscow. It will be implemented until 2024," he said, speaking about the projects of a comprehensive plan for modernization and expansion of the backbone infrastructure.

According to the Deputy Minister, the entire project can be implemented in 2027.

As I added. Alafinov, if the initiative to implement the PPP project is supported at the level of the State Council of the Russian Federation, it will be a project of this kind implemented on the railway.

In April 2019, Russian President Vladimir Putin supported the idea of designing the CSM Moscow - St. Petersburg. The cost of building a high-speed railway between the two cities was estimated at 1.5 trillion rubles, said Maxim Akimov, then Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, in June 2019.

It was planned to attract funds to finance the construction through a capital grant from the budget of the Russian Federation, funds from the Welfare Fund, Russian Railways and attracting third-party investors.

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