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Three tracks from Vysočany are now in operation, trains will start stopping also at Rajská zahrada

Another 15 kilometres of the railway network in the metropolis and Central Bohemia have acquired modern parameters. As part of the construction between Praha-Vysočany and Mstětice, Správa železnic built not only a high-capacity three-track section, but also a new railway stop at the metro station Rajská zahrada. The shape of the station in Vysočany has undergone a fundamental change. The ceremonial completion of the modernisation, which began in spring 2020, took place here just today. The total cost of the construction amounted to CZK 5.4 billion, a significant part of which was co-funded from European funds.

The implementation of the construction brought, above all, a fundamental modernisation of the station Praha-Vysočany, whose original station building was located in the middle of the track facility for historical reasons. Access from the underpass was only by stairs. In its new form, the station consists of three new platforms, which, thanks to their height, enable comfortable boarding of trains. Two spacious underpasses equipped with escalators and lifts can be used for access. Passengers check in at the new station building, and there is also a shop and lavatories.

Passengers at the station Praha-Horní Počernice also achieved better comfort, where the existing island platform was supplemented by a new outer platform next to the station building. It was completely renovated during the construction. The station in Zeleneč also has modern platforms and a reconstructed waiting room now.

A regular three-track section was created at the joint track section to Neratovice and Lysá nad Labem. It includes a completely new railway stop Praha-Rajská zahrada, which will be open to the public this Sunday. In cooperation with the Capital City of Prague, a new footbridge has been built to connect the local part of Hutě with the metro station Rajská zahrada. This will create a new transfer link between the train and public transport.

The construction also included reconstruction of the railway superstructure and substructure, overhead contact line and signalling system. The builders constructed several new culverts and underpasses to connect areas previously divided by the railway. The frequent level crossing in Bystrá Street in Horní Počernice was replaced by an underpass. As part of the construction works, the existing bridges were raised in clearance height and widened with footways. The dangerous crossing of the railway line in Stoliňská Street will be prevented by a new underpass for the cycle path.

The contractors of the construction were the companies Subterra (administrator of the association), OHLA ŽS, EUROVIA CS and Elektrizace železnic Praha. The project *Optimisation of the line section Mstětice (excl.) – Praha-Vysočany (incl.)* is co-funded by the European Union from the programme Connecting Europe Facility (CEF). The total investment costs amounted to CZK 5,407,803,659 excluding VAT. The European contribution is EUR 131,496,521, i.e., approximately CZK 3,154,996,028. The funding from national sources was provided by the Státní fond dopravní infrastruktury (State Fund for Transport Infrastructure).



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