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## With respect for history: Station building renovation in Pilsen's Jižní Předměstí begins

The reconstruction of the second busiest railway station in the West Bohemian metropolis begins under the watchful eye of conservationists. It will return the historic building of the Plzeň-Jižní Předměstí station to its original splendour and will bring a significant increase in comfort for passengers. The reconstruction was festively launched today by Správa železnic and will be completed at the beginning of 2027.

The platform and track facility at Jižní Předměstí have already been modernised as part of the overall reconstruction of the Pilsen railway junction. Now the Neo-Renaissance building from the beginning of the 1920s is next. Since 1995 it has been on the list of listed buildings. The restorers will also come to work on the restoration of the sgraffiti on the facade of the building, the sgraffito decoration of the gables and the lunette cornices.

*"The more than 100-year-old building is a living reminder of Pilsen's industrial development. Its creation was due to the constantly growing number of passengers, especially those who commuted to the nearby Škoda factories for work. Thanks to the reconstruction, the neo-renaissance building will once again become an unmissable landmark of the entire quarter,"* said Minister of Transport Martin Kupka.

The main entrance to the building is from the Ivan Magor Jirous Bridge, from which you enter the check-in hall. *"The platforms themselves are located one floor below, and it will be possible to use the reconstructed lift to access them. Passengers will also appreciate the more pleasant environment in the public areas,"* described Director General of Správa železnic Jiří Svoboda.

The work will be carried out during operation, with an emphasis on minimising the impact on passengers. The builders will repair the roof and facade and replace windows and doors. New public toilets will be built on the platform level. The station will get a modern information and orientation system.

The contractor is the company Chládek a Tintěra, Pardubice. The value of the works amounts to 84,763,361 crowns.