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# Traveling on the Line Ústí nad Orlicí - Letohrad Now Faster and More Comfortable

**Letohrad, 24 November 2016 – Správa železniční dopravní cesty improved parameters of the rail line Ústí nad Orlicí – Lichkov in the section between stations Ústí nad Orlicí and Letohrad. The main objective of the project was putting it into a technical state corresponding to European parameters and standards.**

Construction modifications of the railway superstructure, substructure and platforms at stations Dolní Dobrouč, Hnátnice and Dolní Libchavy were made. Lanšperk railway station has undergone visible modifications; repair works of two platforms as well as an ablation of unused tracks near the station building were carried out. Builders have made a new external platform in such newly created space and ensured simplifying the configuration of the track. A new overhead contact line was established here and lighting was replaced. The station interlocking equipment and local cabling underwent restoration.

*"The biggest benefit of the construction work on the line 024 is increased travelling comfort and safety. Implementation of the project enabled increase line speed in the section from Ústí nad Orlicí to Letohrad, which reflects positively on shortening journey times",* stated Mr. Pavel Surý, Director General of Správa železniční dopravní cesty.

The project was in accordance with the global objective of Priority Axis 1 which is an improvement of railway transport on the Trans-European Network TEN-T. The construction implementation allowed increasing transport availability. From other positive impacts we can name reducing operating costs and ensuring railway capacity and quality of railway traffic for a prospective range of transport. Another positive impact of the project is increased safety and continuity of railway transport.

The estimated total cost of the construction under the name Line 024 Ústí nad Orlicí – Lichkov, Section Ústí nad Orlicí – Letohrad made CZK 550,311,173 (VAT excluded). The project was approved for co-financing by the European Union within the Operational Programme Transport. The planned amount of the contribution from the Cohesion Fund represents up to CZK 384,840,906. National financing was secured by the State Fund for Transport Infrastructure. The contractor was the company Chládek a Tintěra, Pardubice a.s. a Porr a.s.



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Construction Designation	Line 024 Ústí nad Orlicí – Lichkov, Part Ústí nad Orlicí – Letohrad
Construction Investor	Správa železniční dopravní cesty, státní organizace
Suppliers	Chládek a Tintěra, Pardubice a.s. Porr a.s
Term of launch	12/2015
Term of completion	10/2016
Total construction costs	CZK 550,311,173 (VAT excluded)
Approved EU contribution	CZK 384,840,906

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