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Traveling by Train on the route Klatovy – Železná Ruda Is Due to Reconstruction Faster and Safer

Železná Ruda, 3 November 2016 - Správa železniční dopravní cesty has reconstructed almost a fifty-kilometre-long railway section between Klatovy and Železná Ruda. Festive completion of the extensive refurbishment took place in the premises of railway station Železná Ruda-Alžbětín which is situated directly on the Czech-German border. The main benefit of the project is particularly increasing the line's speed and provision of more comfort and safety of passengers.

The construction is based on the concept of the Plan of Serviceability of Pilsen Region and is in accordance with the perspective concept of long-distance passenger transport of the Ministry of Transport of the Czech Republic. It meant in particular increasing speed on this touristically popular railway junction and thus it has shortened the travel time of trains. Capacity and safety of the line increased as well. Among the most visible benefits of the project we can include the construction of new platforms and the reconstruction or modification of lighting in stations.

"The line from Klatovy to Železná Ruda is a part of an important link from Pilsen to Šumava. The implementation of the project will mainly contribute to enhanced comfort and acceleration of rail traffic in the area," said Mr. Pavel Surý, Director General of Správa železniční dopravní cesty.

Within the construction, adaptations of the railway superstructure and substructure were made and installation of cables has been restored as well. Builders built a new 3rd category safety device and modern communication equipment in all railway stations with the exception of Klatovy and in concerned railway sections. Nine railway crossing safety devices were newly built, other crossings were adapted and integrated into the system of remote control.

Railway stations and stops on the line were equipped by cameras. A radio and an information system were also installed. Furthermore, the whole line is equipped with a modern communication system used to transmit data and control other technologies. A track and a local radio system were also renovated. The whole line is now managed from a control centre which is located at Železná Ruda-Alžbětín railway station.

The contractor of the construction named Reconstruction of the line Klatovy- Železná Ruda was the company SBT+OHL+AŽD Klatovy formed by associates Subterra a.s., OHL ŽS, a.s., and AŽD Praha s.r.o. The administrator of the company is Subterra a.s. It is a phased project while Phase I was approved for co-financing from OP Transport in the programming period 2007-2013. The EU's contribution from the Cohesion Fund for Phase I reached 588,252,588 CZK. In Phase II, an application for co-financing from OP Transport in the programming period 2014-2020 has been elaborated. The estimated total investment cost makes 990,561,478 CZK (VAT excluded). National funding is provided by the State Fund for Transport Infrastructure.





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Construction Name	Reconstruction of the Line Klatovy – Železná Ruda
Investor of the Construction	Správa železniční dopravní cesty, státní organizace
Contractor	Company SBT+OHL+AŽD Klatovy (The administrator of the company is Subterra a.s. and associates are OHL ŽS, a.s., and AŽD Praha s.r.o.)
Line Speed	75 up to 90 km/h
Launch Date of the Construction	02/2015
Completion Date of the Construction	10/2016
Total Construction Costs	990,561,478 CZK (excluding VAT)
Planned Contribution of the EU (phase I + phase II)	657,767,724 CZK

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