



Press release

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Správa železnic Opens a New Praha-Eden Stop on Sunday

On Sunday, simultaneously with the beginning of the validity of the timetable for 2021, a new stop Praha-Eden will be opened for passengers. The stop is located at the line relocation between the stations Praha-Hostivař and Praha-Vršovice. Together with this change, the trains will leave off serving the existing line, including the stop in Praha-Strašnice. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Transport Karel Havlíček inspected the progress of the construction and the new stop today, accompanied by the Director General of Správa železnic Jiří Svoboda.

"I am glad that the railway in the metropolis is changing for the better. It is not only thanks to this construction, but also thanks to the modernisation of the line from Smíchov to Radotín, work is also beginning between Vysočany and Mstětice. All of them will bring faster and more capacitive train connection and significantly better comfort for passengers in the stations," Minister Karel Havlíček said.

"The railway will play a more important role in Prague's public transport starting this Sunday. Thanks to the opening of the stop in Eden, there will be better transfer connections between trains, trams and buses. Another benefit for passengers will be the transport terminal in Zahradní Město, which will start operating next summer," Jiří Svoboda, Director General of Správa železnic, said.

The construction of the so-called Hostivař Corridor was started by Správa železnic in May 2018 and its completion is planned for October next year. About three quarters of the construction is completed; the builders were constructing among others the first track in the section Praha-Hostivař – Praha-Zahradní Město in the currently ending process. The station in Zahradní Město has a development of switches and three new tracks now. Along with this, the construction of the Zahradní Město traction converter station and other technological facilities were completed.

"I am very pleased that despite the challenging conditions, whether due to work in dense build-up area, during almost uninterrupted railway operation or coronavirus, our team manages to meet the schedule for building the first four-track railway in the Czech Republic," Jaroslav Heran, Director General of Metrostav, said. "The project is considered a railway construction of a decade, in addition it leads to increase of transport services, which will be welcomed for example by fans of football team Slavia, it is an urban element, as it will free up large areas for further development of the wider centre of Prague."

"A new Eden railway station is opening today, which will become part of the modernised line between Vršovice and Hostivař after the entire section will be put into operation. Apart from this stop, Prague will get a new railway station in Zahradní město soon. The railway transport is extremely important for Prague. Its speed, transport comfort and full integration into the Prague integrated transport system make it an attractive alternative to other modes of transport in the city. I am glad that together with Správa železnic we can open a new stop," the Mayor of Prague Zdeněk Hřib said.

A new platform No. 4 came into existence at the Praha-Vršovice station last year and a part of the track facility closer to Nusle was reconstructed, this year the middle part of the track facility with the 3rd platform and part of the 2nd platform were rebuilt, for the next year there are two tracks left adjacent to the station building so that railway transport can be maintained. The essential properties of the construction are bridges, the related phases were completed under all reconstructed and new tracks. In the direction from Hostivař, these are the so-called Triangle Bridge, bridges over Průběžná and Bartoškova Streets, the pedestrian tunnel in Vršovice and bridges over Otakarova Street and the Botič stream.

The Praha-Eden stop will be operational on 13 December, all traffic will be transferred outside the existing line and the Praha-Strašnice stop on the same date. At the Praha-Vršovice station, platform No. 3 and the platform edge No. 2 at track No. 3 will be put into operation today, including the relevant part of the roofing and the pedestrian tunnel.

The contractor of the construction is the company MTS + SwieR + SMP - Hostivař II, which consists of Metrostav (managing partner), Swietelsky Rail CZ and SMP CZ.

The total investment costs of the action entitled Optimisation of the line section Praha Hostivař - Praha main station, II. part - Praha Hostivař - Praha main station amounts to CZK 5,361,916,009 without VAT. The project is co-financed by the European Union from the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF). The total amount of eligible costs of the project is CZK 3,732,327,251. The level of EU support rate is 82.14% of eligible costs, the amount of financial aid amounts to a maximum of CZK 3,065,733,604. National funding is provided by Státní fond dopravní infrastruktury.

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Map of the new railway corridor in Prague

