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## **Reconstruction Will Improve Line Parameters for Freight Trains in Děčín**

Freight trains will soon use the reconstructed line between the stations Děčín východ and Děčín-Prostřední Žleb, which is part of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) freight corridor. The construction with the estimated total investment costs of CZK 1,138,717,343 was festively opened today by Správa železnic. The electrified section of approximately 1.4 kilometres long will undergo a complete renovation, and in addition to the Děčín Tunnel, it includes a bridge over the Elbe River as well. Trains will return to the reconstructed line next year in November and the entire construction will be completed in mid-2023.

An important part of the construction is the reconstruction of the 265 metre long bridge over the Elbe. Its more than 100 years old steel bearing structure will be replaced by a new one with longitudinal and transverse reinforcements and a continuous ballast deck. Its layout will respect the appearance of the original structure, while meeting all current standards and operational requirements of rail transport. The speed on the bridge will be increased from the current 30 to 50 km/h.

The construction will also include the complete restoration of the 395 metre long Děčín tunnel. The railway superstructure and substructure will be replaced and the overhead contact line will be repaired. The project also includes the reconstruction of signalling and telecommunication equipment.

In addition to the renewal of the track superstructure, the reduction of noise pollution in the vicinity of the line will also entail the installation of approximately 700 metres of noise barriers where the line passes through urban areas.

The contractor of the investment project called Optimisation of the line section Děčín východ – Děčín-Prostřední Žleb is Společnost most Prostřední Žleb. Its administrator is STRABAG Rail, the partners are DT Mostárna and STRABAG AG. The construction is financed by Státní fond dopravní infrastruktury (State Fund for transport infrastructure).