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Railway line for Freight Trains in Děčín Undergoing Complete Reconstruction

Modernisation of the line between the stations Děčín východ and Děčín-Prostřední Žleb, which is part of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) freight corridor, is in full swing. An approximately 1.4 kilometres long electrified section is undergoing a complete renovation and includes, in addition to the Děčínský tunel (Děčín Tunnel), a bridge over the Elbe River. Trains will return to the reconstructed line this year in November and the entire construction will be completed in mid-2023.

During the main track closure, which began on 1 March and will end on 15 November, the more than 100-year-old steel structure across the Elbe River is being replaced. The new bridge, which is 265 metres long in total, will consist of a structure with longitudinal and transverse reinforcements and a continuous track bed. Its individual parts are being welded at the nearby complex of Česko-saské přístavy s.r.o. In its layout, the new bridge respects the original appearance, while meeting all current standards and operational requirements of railway transport. Maximum speed of trains on it will increase from the current 30 to 50 km/h.

Construction also includes the complete rehabilitation of the 395-metre-long Děčínský tunel (Děčín Tunnel). Railway superstructure and substructure as well as the overhead line are being replaced. Another part of the project is the reconstruction of signalling and communication equipment. In addition to the renewed superstructure, the noise pollution in the vicinity of the line will also be reduced by the installation of approximately 700 metres of noise barriers where the line passes through urban areas.

Contractor of the investment project called Optimisation of the line section Děčín východ – Děčín-Prostřední Žleb is the company 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). The construction is expected to amount to a total investment cost of CZK 1,138,717,343.