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## Line between Brno and Blansko is two months before opening

The modernisation of the line between Brno, Adamov and Blansko is entering final stage. Reconstruction of the railway superstructure and all related infrastructure elements is being carried out in the whole section. Work is proceeding according to schedule so that trains can return to the corridor after a one-year closure from 11 December. After the line is put into operation, the completion of the construction will take place, but it will not have significant impact on railway traffic.

In the section Brno-Maloměřice – Adamov both tracks are laid, spreading of gravel, tamping, cleaning is taking place on them. In addition, work on cable routes, overhead contact lines, ground buildings and noise walls is in progress, signals are being installed, rail strings, tunnels and retaining walls are being completed, and modification of rock slopes continues. Two brand new bridge structures have successfully passed load tests in the past week. Similar modifications concern the section between Adamov and Blansko, where the tracks leading from Adamov station to tunnels 8/2 and 8/1 are currently being laid.

In Adamov station, a footbridge and a technological bridge is in restricted operation. Track laying and installation of noise barriers are underway, bridge structures and retaining walls are being raised, and installation of overhead contact lines, wiring and cable routes is underway. In the station building, works on painting, tiling, paving and installing the electrical and telecommunication equipment are finishing in the interior. The ticket office for passengers has been open since 31 August. Construction work on the external insulation system and landscaping around the station building is also continuing.

According to the plan, the construction of the pedestrian underpass at the Blansko město stop, the roofing and installation of utility networks and cable routes are progress as well. The cancelling of the crossing safety equipment will take place on 30 November and the pedestrian underpass is expected to open to the public on 9 December in the afternoon.

The first trains – regional services and the fast train R19 – with the new timetable will start running on the modernised line between Brno and Česká Třebová on 11 December. Long-distance traffic between Brno and Prague will return to the corridor line from the diversion via Vysočina in the middle of the next year. After the modernised section becomes operational, some works not affecting the railway traffic will be finalised. Some restrictions can be expected only during March and April next year, when a third tamping and grinding of the rails will be carried out during the closure of the respective track. In addition, repairs to roads affected by construction are scheduled.