



## Press release

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### Modernisation of another line section to airport between Praha-Bubny and Výstaviště begins

Reconstruction of another section of the railway line from the centre of Prague to Kladno with a branch line to the airport can begin. Správa železnic has signed a contract with the winner of the tender for the construction contractor, which is the association of the companies Metrostav TBR, OHLA ŽS and Elektrizace železnic Praha. The tendered price amounts to CZK 3.8 billion excluding VAT. The main objective of the project is the modernisation of the existing station Praha-Bubny, double-tracking of the line in the length of approximately 1.3 kilometre, its electrification and the establishment of the stop Praha-Výstaviště.

*"By signing the contract we are practically starting the modernisation of this year's second section of the future fast, modern and reliable railway line between Prague and Kladno. In the case of the construction between Praha-Bubny and the new stop Praha-Výstaviště, it is not only the reconstruction of the line, but the beginning of the transformation of the entire Holešovice. The new station in Bubny will be a connecting element of the area previously divided by the railway,"* says Jiří Svoboda, Director General of Správa železnic.

A key part of the construction will be the reconstruction of the station Praha-Bubny, which will be moved to a new location just behind the Negrelli viaduct and will offer a direct transfer to metro line C. The architectural design of the station with three platforms and four railway track was developed by Jakub Cigler Architekti studio.

The shape of the station will change over time. In the first phase, when it will be the only building in the area, a grassy resting area will be built on its roof to provide people with a view over the city and the changing Holešovice. In the next stage of the works, together with the construction of a new quarter, an office building will be built directly above the station. In the station vestibules there will then be a number of commercial spaces that will serve both passengers and residents of the future new district Bubny-Zátory.

The modernised line to the new stop Praha-Výstaviště will mostly lead along the flyover, thanks to which Holešovice will form one functional area. At the same time, the crossing in Bubenská Street will be cancelled and the bridge structure in Dukelských hrdinů Street will be raised,

where in the past the low height profile repeatedly caused the tram overhead contact line to be torn down by trucks. The stop Praha-Výstaviště will be built on the edge of the park Stromovka, its co-author is studio dh architekti. The new footbridge over the railway line will also improve the connection between Stromovka and Letná.

The site is expected to be handed over to the contractor in mid-January, followed by preparatory work such as cutting down greenery and establishing the construction site. At the same time, a temporary track will be built to maintain train traffic in the direction of Kralupy nad Vltavou. The main construction objects – three bridge flyovers and a new station building in Bubny – will start to be built in May next year. Completion of the construction work is planned for 2025.

Project called Modernisation of the line Praha-Bubny (incl.) – Praha-Výstaviště (excl.) is co-financed by EU under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) programme. The total amount of eligible project costs is CZK 2,959,340,720. The EU support rate is 85% of the eligible costs. The maximum amount of subsidy is therefore EUR 101,347,062, i.e. approximately CZK 2,515,439,612. National funding will be provided Státní fond dopravní infrastruktury (State Fund for Transport Infrastructure).

The modernisation of the line to the airport and further to Kladno is divided into several sections. This year we have also managed to start work between Kladno and Kladno-Ostrovec stations, in 2023 we expect to launch tenders for the construction of Praha-Ruzyně – Kladno and modernisation of Praha Masarykovo nádraží (Prague Masaryk railway station).

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