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We are already designing more than 300 kilometres of high-speed lines

Správa železnic has concluded another contract on design works for the future network of high-speed lines (HSL, or VRT in Czech). Technical design will be provided for the section of the VRT Střední Čechy (HSL Central Bohemia) between Poříčany and Světlá nad Sázavou, which will become part of the line from Prague to Brno. As of today, the designers are preparing in detail more than 300 kilometres of new lines.

The contract for the preparation of the documentation for zoning decision and documents for the EIA process obtained association consisting of SUDOP PRAHA, Egis Rail, Mott MacDonald CZ and MOTT MACDONALD LIMITED. The tender was issued in accordance with the Best Value method, which significantly contributes to the selection of a quality contractor and reduces the risk of defects in the final work. Using this method Správa železnic also set important project objectives, which included the construction being environmentally friendly. The line should also blend into the landscape as much as possible. The tender procedure has been set up taking into account the previous experience with project negotiations in the regions.

The almost 80-kilometre section is connected to the already designed VRT Polabí (HSL Elbe Flatlands) from Prague to Poříčany, which is also part of the new high-speed line from the capital to Brno. The schedule of works envisages obtaining zoning decision in 2025. The construction itself should then start about two years later. The line will be used exclusively for passenger transport and trains will run on it at a speed of 320 km/h. The journey between Prague and Brno will be reduced to one hour after the completion of the entire line.

As of today, Správa železnic is preparing the technical design for more than 300 kilometres of new high-speed lines. Design work is also continuing for two HSL terminals – Praha východ (Prague East) and Roudnice nad Labem. This year, technical designs for several lines will be completed, preparations for Design & Build tenders will be launched and processes for property rights settlement will be set up.



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