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### Due to Ongoing Construction, Letohrad will be without Trains for Two Months

Especially due to an exchange of the catenary in the whole station and trackage repairs on both its ends, operation at Letohrad Station in the Pardubice Region will be stopped completely from 29 February to 21 April; all trains will be replaced by buses. Správa železnic has been modernizing this station since last March and construction works are near completion. They should be finished in the first half of July.

Instead of low platforms, three new modern ones will appear with barrier free access and a standard height of 550 mm above the tracks. Part of the trackage has been exchanged already, a partly opened underpass connects the passenger building with the centre platform and new lifts have been installed. This is the shape of Letohrad Station today. On the last day of February, a closure of 52 days will start during which the crucial part of construction works will take place. This will concern especially adaptations of the track development on both sides of the station, finalizing the underpass and a complete exchange of the catenary.

During the closure, operation will be stopped on all three lines leading from Letohrad. Another two-month period will follow during which an exchange of tracks behind the centre platform designed for freight transport and stabling train-sets will occur. *"During these works, the railway station will be quite passable on the main tracks however; short-term closures will be necessary basically only while connecting repaired tracks to the switch points"*, explains Mr. Miroslav Bocák, Director of the Civil Engineering Administration West of Správa železnic. During this phase, the underpass under the whole trackage will be finished together with an exit on the other side opposite to the passenger building; new parking places for passengers will be created as well.

One crucial change having impact on traffic control is related to the modernization of Letohrad station. Even this year, the whole line from Ústí nad Orlicí through Letohrad up to Lichkov will be connected to the Traffic Control Centre in Prague and will be controlled remotely.

Total costs of the investment designated as Reconstruction of Letohrad railway station equal CZK 1,005,708,244 (VAT excluded). The project was approved for co-financing by the European Union from its Cohesion Fund under the Operational Programme Transport 2014–2020. The maximum EU contribution can amount up to CZK 755,439,395. National financing is assured by the State Fund for Transport Infrastructure. The construction supplier is the company Společnost Rekonstrukce žst. Letohrad with the firms Chládek a Tintěra Pardubice and Elektrizace železnic Praha as partners.