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## **Správa železnic Prepares Reconstruction of Pardubice Station Building**

Správa železnic negotiated successfully in the Central Committee of the Ministry of Transport its most ambitious investment intent up to now for a station building renovation, namely a reconstruction of a listed passenger building in Pardubice. Due to high demands for historical protection, estimated investment costs were calculated to a sum of CZK 1.72 billion. Reconstruction of the passenger building takes up a previously approved modernization of the Pardubice railway junction and a completed investment of the city which built a multimodal junction for public transport at the station's foreground. The passenger building will thus become once again an important and dignified central point of the whole locality.

The passenger building is a listed real estate since the time of its construction and it will be reconstructed sensibly with great care as such an important building doubtlessly deserves. The building coat will be completely renovated – i.e. new windows and doors, roofs and the facade including the original ceramic facing, all of this under cautious preservationists' supervision. The interiors will be put into their original shape as much as possible, but with complying to requirements for their future use.

Changes will be perceived by passengers as well. Public premises will be covered by Wi-Fi, the information system for passengers will be modernized and security will improve thanks to constant camera supervision or an alarm installation and emergency system. Thanks to the reconstruction, the public may look forward to an extension of commercial and gastronomic services in the dispatching hall.

A separate waiting room for mothers with children including social facilities will be added to the waiting premises. Rooms for traffic control and administration premises for infrastructure managers and carriers will be completely reconstructed as well; an automatic parking system is designed for the building's function needs.

In the station building, passengers will appreciate three escalators added to each staircase leading to underpasses (six in total) and lifts for barrier-free access to all parts of the building including hygienic facilities. The offer of services will be extended by boxes for cyclists with the option of charging electrical bicycles.

The reconstruction launch of the passenger building as such is planned by Správa železnic for this year and should be completed at the turn of 2024 and 2025. The construction will be divided into stages in order to minimize the negative impact on passengers. During the first stage, the middle high-rise passenger building (the so-called Sirius) should be reconstructed to serve newly as a training centre for Správa železnic. Following that, works will continue in the passenger building as such including publicly accessible premises.