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Works on the Extension of the Underpass at the Prague Main Station Will Begin in May

Správa železnic has chosen a company for the extension of the northern underpass at the Prague Main Station. The association of companies named "MTS+HT CZ – Podchody hl. n.", whose partners are Metrostav a.s. and HOCHTIEF CZ a.s., will realize the construction for CZK 219.55 million. Works will begin in May 2020 and extension of the underpass will shorten the journey from the city centre to neighbouring municipal districts for the first pedestrians in August next year.

"The extension of the northern underpass from the existing 7th platform will significantly reduce the walking distance from the main railway station to Žižkov and Vinohrady. The exit of the pedestrian route will be situated into Seifertova Street through Churchill Square commercial centre. In addition to the staircase, the exit from the underpass will be provided by a pair of escalators and a lift, so barrier-free access will be ensured," said Mr. Jiří Svoboda, Director General of Správa železnic. The extension of the underpass is designed in such a way that it is possible to expand the station by another island platform in the future.

Works will also include the necessary relocation of tracks, existing cable collector, water conduit and sewerage adjustments. At the same time an information and orientation system will be set up in the extended underpass. The construction also includes related modifications of the catenary line and the addition of route communication and pedestrian areas at the exit from the underpass. Fencing and outdoor lighting will be built along part of the modified areal communication as well. The extension of the underpass will contribute to increased safety and prevent possible collisions between pedestrians and trains.

In the upcoming years, this construction will be followed by another part, within which the information and orientation system will be replaced in the entire railway station and the platforms from No. 5 to No. 7 will be reconstructed including the addition of escalators. Furthermore, the replacement of ceilings will be carry out in all three underpasses, which will be unified with the extended northern underpass. The roofing from the 1990's will be replaced by new one and its appearance will be uniformed throughout the entire main station.