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Intelligent Level Crossing Cameras Start Operating in the Middle of May

The next intelligent camera will be installed at a level crossing on 18 May. Following the pilot project in Úvaly u Prahy, the second smart camera will be monitoring drivers' offences at the railway crossing in Uhersko. Records of this device will assist the Czech Police in administrative proceedings against offenders. In extreme cases, an undisciplined driver can lose his driving licence.

„As we have already announced, this is not a repressive but a preventive step, to which a large number of highly undisciplined drivers, whose behaviour at level crossings is dangerous, lead us. There is no hidden bullying of drivers, we can prove it by the fact that the list of level crossings with these devices is published,” said Mr. Jiri Svoboda, Director General of Správa železnic.

Records from existing level crossing cameras have not allowed direct penalties for illegal driver behaviour. The situation is changing, now. The pilot system programme started working in Úvaly u Prahy more than two years ago, cannot only record what is happening at level crossings but camera outputs will enable to impose a fine on undisciplined drivers. By agreement and cooperation with the relevant municipality, CCTV systems can be supplemented with radar that will record speed limits of vehicles when the crossing is in a sleeping mode.

The above mentioned technology will be implemented at 14 level crossings, particularly on the railway corridor between Pardubice and Ostrava as well as on selected regional lines, e.g. Žďárec u Skutče – Svitavy line. The system will be operational at the first level crossing in Uhersko after May, 18. CCTV will be activated at the remaining crossings as listed in the table in the second half of July. Total costs of retrofitting these 14 level crossings, including surveillance equipment and software, exceeded CZK 5 million.

A list of level crossings intended for the CCTV implementation

No.	Level crossing No.	Railway km	Line section/Railway station	Location
1	P4897	286.369	Uhersko railway station	Uhersko
2	P6847	6.64	Svitavy – Květná	Vendolí
3	P6865	21.323	Polička – Borová	Kamenec u Poličky
4	P6890	28.109	Borová u Poličky railway station	Borová
5	P6896	30.38	Borová – Čachnov	Borová

6	P6913	39.521	Čachnov – Skuteč	Krouna
7	P8290	328.679	Louky nad Olší – Karviná hl. n.	Karviná
8	P6511	280.264	Bohumín – Dětmárovice	Dolní Lutyně
9	P6501	245.044	Studénka railway station	Studénka
10	P6506	252.244	Studénka – Jistebník	Jistebník
11	P6508	256.861	Jistebník – Polanka nad Odrou	Ostrava
12	P7868	25.272	Opava východ – Kravaře ve Slezsku	Velké Hoštice
13	P8280	307.712	Bystřice nad Olší – Třinec	Vendryně
14	P6496	231.244	Polom – Suchdol nad Odrou	Mankovice

The second implementation phase of these intelligent cameras, which will be equipped with brand new equipment at another 16 crossings in the Czech Republic, will take place by the end of next year according to design preparations, zoning proceedings and their realization itself.

Entering a level crossing in cases where it is prohibited by law, a driver commits an offence. According to the law, he faces a fine of up to CZK 5,000 and a ban on driving motor vehicles for up to 6 months. The driver will be credited with 7 points to his points system.