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Railway station Opava západ serves passengers again, Traffic Police moves in

Completely reconstructed building of the railway station Opava západ (Opava West) was opened today. The new foyer, ticket office and sanitary facilities offer a comfortable and barrier-free environment to passengers. At the same time, dozens of Opava Traffic Police officers are moving into the building. The total investment costs amounted to CZK 104 million. Works were carried out by the company Metrostav DIZ.

Building at Opava's West railway station dates back to 1872 and underwent its last major reconstruction in the 1960s. The large building required comprehensive renovation and insulation to bring the necessary reduction in operating costs. In addition, it is in full use, with the post office branch to its left and 38 Traffic Police officers moving into the remaining space. *"The actual implementation was preceded by discussions over the use of such a large building. The necessary renovation of the station was supported by the Opava city administration and subsequently by the decision of the Police of the Czech Republic, which expressed interest in using the premises that were redundant for the railway. It can be said with exaggeration that today it is the most secure railway station in the country,"* says Jiří Svoboda, Director General of Správa železnic.

Sensitive reconstruction has restored the station to its original appearance and splendour. It included the modification of publicly accessible areas with barrier-free access, and new furnishings are also available for passengers. The construction was carried out by the company Metrostav DIZ. *"I am glad that as a contractor we were able to be present at the reconstruction of this elegant historical building, and I believe that we have contributed to the improvement of passenger comfort and the aesthetic value of this place,"* notes Karel Volf, the company's Director General.

The city coordinates with Správa železnic to repair the entire forecourt area. It is planned to improve the street, pavements, public lighting and greenery. *"I am very pleased with the success of this challenging reconstruction. For many years the railway station Opava západ was a place to avoid, not only for Opavans. For our city, its condition was a great shame. Fortunately, today it is in the past and we have a second beautiful station that other cities can only envy. During the spring, we will also finish the station forecourt and this will be the final stage of the revitalisation of this area,"* adds Opava Mayor Tomáš Navrátil.

Almost forty Traffic Police officers will gradually move to the new station premises during April. The modernly conceived building fully meets the conditions for the premises of the Police of the Czech Republic. *"Barrier-free access, the possibility of public parking in the vicinity, a modern, safe and comfortable workplace, spacious garages for service cars and motorcycles – these are the main bonuses that the reconstructed building offers both to the Opava Traffic*

Police officers and, of course, to the public who will visit the traffic inspectorate," says Jiří Marzoll, Opava's Territorial Department Director of the Police of the Czech Republic.

The construction started in March 2021 and has lasted exactly two years. The project is proposed for co-financing by the European Union from the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF).

