
INTRODUCTION OF ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITION – ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN OF THE VELESLAVÍN RAILWAY STATION

Material distributed to participants of an inspection of the site to be held on 4 March 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The Contracting Authority will publish identical material on the Contracting Authority's profile on 4 March 2019, for the purpose of providing the same range of information to all contractors. During the inspection of the site, the Contracting Authority will not primarily answer questions of the participants of the inspection; this is addressed through requests for explanation of competition terms and conditions. If any questions are raised by participants of the inspection in the course of the inspection of the site, the Contracting Authority will record them in writing and will provide answers via publication on the Contracting Authority's profile (in the same way as explanations of the competition terms and conditions are published); in case a question of a participant of the inspection is answered on-site, the Contracting Authority will record both the question of the participant and the exact wording of the Contracting Authority's answer, and will promptly publish them (the question as well as the answer) on the Contracting Authority's profile (in the same way as explanations of the competition terms and conditions are published).

The Contracting Authority – Správa železniční dopravní cesty, státní organizace – has organised this inspection of the site in connection with the on-going architectural design competition entitled “Architectural Design of the Veleslavín Railway Station”.

Introduction of the Contracting Authority:

Správa železniční dopravní cesty, státní organizace (“SŽDC” or the “Contracting Authority”), is in general responsible, pursuant to the Act on Rail Systems, for the operation of the nation-wide railway and regional railways owned by the state, their operability, modernisation and development to the extent necessary to ensure the transport needs of the state and transport services. In this context, in connection with the current project of “Modernisation and new construction of railway track from Prague-Veleslavín (inclusive) to Prague-Václav Havel Airport (inclusive)”, SŽDC has announced a design competition with a view to finding an architectural solution of the future Veleslavín station, as one of the railway stations on the modernised railway line to Václav Havel Airport (the “Design Competition”).

The project of “Modernisation and new construction of railway track from Prague-Veleslavín (inclusive) to Prague-Václav Havel Airport (inclusive)”:

Modernisation of the Prague – Kladno railway track, with connection to Václav Havel Airport, is a transport infrastructure construction project of top priority for the Czech government, and it is one of the largest upcoming infrastructure projects in the Czech Republic. Its objective is to **connect Václav Havel Airport to railway and modernise the existing single track between Prague and Kladno**, the largest Central Bohemian agglomeration with the highest number of commuters.

The railway will be conducted under the surface from the existing short tunnel at Stromovka up to the Prague-Dejvice station, which will be moved to the immediate vicinity of existing lobby of Hradčanská station on underground “A” line. From there, the railway will run through a double-track cut-and-cover tunnel to the Bruska water distribution reservoir, then through a couple of bored tunnels to the Veleslavín heating plant, and then through a double-track cut-and-cover tunnel to the Prague-Veleslavín railway station.

The track will connect to Václav Havel Airport from the north-east via one of the newly designed halts, Prague – Dlouhá míle. The newly-built railway between Prague-Ruzyně and Prague-Václav Havel Airport would be 5.5 kilometres long, with trains passing at a speed of up to 80 km per hour.

Design competition for “Architectural Design of the Veleslavín Railway Station”:

The subject matter of the design competition is proposed architectural design of the Veleslavín railway station and also proposed “libretto/design manual” which the Contracting Authority, in its sole discretion, could use as a significant and unifying element for individual stations planned to be built along that track.

The Contracting Authority will be the investor for the execution of the construction project based on the design of the new Veleslavín railway station. The Contracting Authority is also contemplating the possibility of using the proposed libretto, in coordination with other entities, and its significant elements unifying the Veleslavín station with the rest of the project of modernisation of the railway track to Václav Havel Airport.

The Contracting Authority also wishes the newly-built railway station to constitute a compact, comprehensive whole with the surrounding area concerned to the extent highlighted in Annex 2 to the Competition Terms and Conditions (the “Surrounding Area Concerned”), and to allow logic and easy connectivity to other means of public transit in the vicinity of the railway station (i.e., Veleslavín underground station, bus stops). For this reason the Contracting Authority asked the participants to consider in their competition entries the conceptual design for connecting the future Veleslavín railway station with the Surrounding Area Concerned. The Contracting Authority points out in this respect that the Contracting Authority will not be an investor for the solution, as the case may be, of the Surrounding Area Concerned, while the successful conceptual design of the Surrounding Area Concerned may be pursued by the Prague 6 Municipal District in the future in its sole and absolute discretion.

Inspection of the site:

- beginning of inspection at the existing building of the Veleslavín railway station
- inspection of the future point of connection with the underground and the Veleslavín underground station
- inspection of the surrounding area (in particular the Surrounding Area Concerned)