

Press release

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Workshops for children “Little Masters – to Mistrzejowice by tram” have started

Kindergarten children from Cracow take part in educational workshops “Little Masters – to Mistrzejowice by tram”. The workshops are organized as part of construction of a new Kraków Fast Tram road (KST, stage IV) implemented in the model of public-private partnership (PPP).

Who designs a tram road? How is a tunnel constructed? How to behave at a construction site? Answers to these as well as other questions of the youngest ones concerning construction of the tram road will be provided during workshops “Little Masters – to Mistrzejowice by tram”. Free workshops are organized in kindergartens and lower grades (1-3) of primary schools located in Mistrzejowice, Prądnik Czerwony and Czyżyny districts. The first workshops took place on 27 May, under the sanitary regime.

They are organized as part of information and promotion measures related to the project of construction of a new Kraków Fast Tram road (KST IV). Through play and attractive presentation way, they will stimulate imagination and increase social awareness among kids attending educational institutions in the neighborhood of the planned project. – In order to adjust the presented information to the age of the participants, three versions of the program have been prepared for different age groups. We know from our own experience that one can learn a lot through good play. As the contractor of e.g. Metro line II in Warsaw, we have conducted over 150 workshops so far, attended by almost 3 thousand children – says Gabriela Łazarczyk from Gülermak, which company is the organizer of workshops and the private partner of the project KST IV.

This school year, workshops will be conducted in those schools and kindergartens which, once invited by the organizer, were the first to volunteer to participate in this event. The plan is to continue the program during the holiday period and in school year 2021/22. Applications should be sent to malimistrzowie@gulermak.pl. The public partner of the project is Kraków Municipal Road Authority (ZDMK).

- ZDMK has been conducting educational programs (Young Cracovians' Academy, Mobility Academy) for a long time, which explain to children and teenagers what our everyday tasks look like. We are glad that the current epidemiological situation allows us to start this action and that we do it with such an experienced partner as Gülermak – underlines Marcin Hanczakowski, director of Kraków Municipal Road Authority.

A new tram road of the Kraków Fast Tram (KST, IV) of approx. 4.5 km will connect Mistrzejowice with the intersection of Lema and Meissnera Streets in 2024. It is the first time that such a large transport project is implemented in the model of public-private partnership in Poland. The project encompasses construction of 10 stop pairs, a tunnel in the area of Polsadu roundabout, extension of the tram terminus in Jancarza Street as well as associated infrastructure. The private partner of the project is consortium of PPP Solutions Polska Sp. z o.o. (leader) and Gülermak Ağır Sanayi İnşaat ve Taahhüt A.Ş. The entity responsible for the project on behalf of the city is Kraków Municipal Road Authority (ZDMK).

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