



Warsaw, July 21

### **Special organization at two Krakow stations. Buffer zones for pilgrims leaving Krakow (starting July 21)**

- On the key days of pilgrims departures from Krakow, railroad workers will open buffer zones at Kraków Główny and Kraków Płaszów stations. Travellers, with the assistance of SOK (Railroad Guards) officials, will reach their chosen trains directly.
- There will be two entries to Kraków Główny station – one from the side of plac Jana Nowaka Jeziorańskiego, and the other from the side of the Ibis Hotel. Travellers will enter through marked gateways.
- During peak hours, trains will be departing the Krakow station up to every 7 minutes.
- Kraków Swoszowice, Kraków Mydlniki, and Kraków Płaszów – these are the stations to which special trains carrying pilgrims will arrive. Certain stations in the area surrounding Krakow will be temporarily shut down due to traffic.

**At the time of the pilgrims' return from WYD, railroad workers will create special buffer zones at Kraków Główny and Kraków Płaszów stations. During key hours, long distance trains will be leaving the station frequently, up to every 7 minutes.**

### **ARRIVAL TO KRAKOW. STATIONS PREPARED FOR PILGRIMS**

Based on the special timetable, it is foreseen that trains carrying pilgrims will arrive at the stations closest to the event sites. For this purpose, routes within the Krakow Urban Area have been changed, and stations intended for the boarding and exiting of pilgrims have been identified.

### **STOPS FOR PILGRIMS**

Trains with pilgrims headed for the opening ceremony on July 26, as well as for the meetings with the pope at Błonia on July 28 and 29, will be stopping at six stations. Trains arriving from the direction of Zakopane will arrive at Kraków Swoszowice station, whereas Mydlniki station will serve trains arriving from the direction of Mysłowice, Trzebinia, Krzeszowice, and Zabierzów, as well as trains arriving from the direction of Auschwitz, Libiąż, and Miechów. Kraków Płaszów will be the station designated for



trains coming from the direction of Mielec, Tarnów, and Krynica. During the time of arrivals, PKP IC trains will be arriving to Kraków Główny and Kraków Płaszów stations.

For the July 30 vigil with the Pope on Campus Misericordiae, pilgrims will be able to arrive to the stations located closest to the site of the event: Kraków Swoszowice, Kraków Bieżanów, or Kraków Płaszów, as well as Podłęże.

### **SPECIAL ORGANIZATION OF TRAFFIC**

The unique timetable prepared for WYD takes into account the temporary shutting down of chosen stations. From July 30 until noon on August 1, Kokotów and Węgrzce Wielkie stations will be temporarily shut down. On July 26, 28, and 29, trains heading to Trzebinia and Katowice will omit the station Kraków Łobzów, and from July 25 to August 1, trains will be unable to stop at Kraków Krzemionki station.

Additionally, on July 31 and August 1, Kraków Zabłocie station will also be temporarily removed from service.

### **SPECIAL BUFFER ZONES ON THE RETURN ROUTE FROM WYD**

From 14:00 on July 31 until 14:00 on August 1, special buffer zones will be created at Kraków Główny and Kraków Płaszów stations. Free movement around the stations and on the platforms will not be possible before train departures, due to logistics and safety concerns.

The process of clearing travellers will take into account large groups of pilgrims as well as the frequency of departures increasing to up to every 7 minutes. Clearing travellers will be divided into stages, which will take place in several zones.

### **GATEWAYS AND MATS FOR COUNTING TRAVELLERS**

There will be two entries at Kraków Główny station – one from the side of plac Jana Nowaka Jeziorańskiego and the other from the side of the Ibis Hotel. The first zone of service will be organized at both locations. Specially prepared big screens will display the timetable. After the information is displayed, travellers will head to the appropriate gateway, marked A, B, C, D, or E.

### **SECOND ZONE**

After having entered the gateway, travellers will find themselves in the second zone, in the railway area. Mats counting incoming people will be mounted at the gateways. Thanks to this, the size of the group will be adjusted to the amount of spots available in the given train. After the group has been gathered, pilgrims will be directed and led by SOK officials onto the platform, directly into the train. Thanks to this, passengers will safely arrive to the train headed in the appropriate direction and trains will be able to depart on time. The dangers of having a too-large crowd in the underground tunnels and on the platforms will also be eliminated.



### **WITHOUT DIRECT CONNECTIONS**

During this period of altered traffic organization, there will be no possibility of direct connections at Kraków Główny station. In order to ride further, travellers arriving to the station will be directed outside of the railway area, and from there into the buffer zones – the first zone of traveller clearance.

### **INFORMATION SUPPORT**

Railwaymen will be relying on mobile informants and volunteers who speak Polish and English for the efficient organization of the movement of passengers and their full information. Multimedia screens will be operating within the buffer zones. Railroad workers will also be equipped with a portable loudspeaker at the site where travellers gather.