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High Summer Temperatures Temporarily Slow Construction Steel Demand
According to Mysteel’s monthly industry survey, domestic demand for construction steel in China experienced a seasonal slowdown in July 2026. Nationwide heatwaves and heavy seasonal rainfall temporarily impeded outdoor building activity, leading infrastructure contractors to maintain conservative material inventories while waiting for autumn construction conditions to resume. **(Mysteel Research)**

CSCEC Maintains Strong Contract Volume Across Domestic Infrastructure
China State Construction Engineering Corporation reported strong execution across its domestic housing and civil infrastructure projects. Supported by strategic urban regeneration orders, the state-owned enterprise generated over 2.19 trillion yuan in new contract business income, demonstrating resilient growth in heavy infrastructure investments despite broader real estate market restructuring. **(China State Construction Engineering Corporation)**

Western Regional Infrastructure Accelerated via Land-Sea Trade Corridor
Infrastructure construction along China’s New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor gained strong momentum following dedicated state bond allocations. The national initiative prioritizes building rail-sea intermodal logistics hubs, expanding inland port capacity, and upgrading cross-border transport linkages to enhance trade efficiency between western inland provinces and Southeast Asian markets. **(Xinhua)**

Guangzhou-Zhanjiang High-Speed Line Enhances Southern Coastal Connectivity
The 401-kilometer Guangzhou-Zhanjiang high-speed railway has significantly improved transport infrastructure across western Guangdong province. Designed for operational speeds of 350 km/h, the strategic rail corridor slashes transit times between Guangzhou's commercial core and coastal industrial zones, while streamlining passenger transit toward Hainan Free Trade Port ferry terminals. **(China Railway Network Data)**

First-Tier Cities Show Steady Commercial Housing Price Gains
Official National Bureau of Statistics data released in mid-July, shows that sales prices for newly built commercial homes in China's first-tier cities recorded consecutive month-on-month increases between 0.1% and 0.2% from March through June. Concurrently, second-hand home prices rose between 0.3% and 0.4% monthly, signaling localized market stabilization. **(National Bureau of Statistics)**