

Drury Rail Stations project FAQs

WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

The Drury Rail Stations project is part of the \$1.5 billion investment to improve the resilience and efficiency of rail in Auckland for passengers and freight.

Over the next 30 years, an extra 130,000 people are expected to call South Auckland home. In preparation for this future growth, the Government has provided funding to build three new stations between Papakura and Pukekohe.

We are working with partner agencies Auckland Transport and New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi to create a cohesive transport network in South Auckland. Encouraging people to use public transport, rather than private vehicles, reduces carbon emissions and congestion making a positive contribution to the environment and quality of life.

Combined with the extension of electrification from Papakura to Pukekohe, the three new stations located at Drury Central, Drury West and Paerata, will make travelling by train more accessible and appealing to those living in the area.

WHAT ARE THE PROJECT BENEFITS?

Our project will:

- provide the community with transport options that support and enable the future growth expected in South Auckland
- create easier access to the rail network for people travelling in and out of Drury and Paerata
- support environmentally friendly and sustainable public transport choices
- reduce congestion and the reliance on low occupancy vehicles, and
- improve the connectivity and accessibility for the future urban areas of Auckland.

WHAT IS THE PROJECT TIMELINE?

Planning approvals were granted for Paerātā Railway Station and Drury Railway Station in early 2022 and enabling works began in late 2023.

At Drury Railway Station, the civil works contract has been awarded and HEB Construction LTD began setting up their site in mid-November 2024. They will focus on connecting the station to the wider community by building a bus interchange, park and ride facilities and walking and cycling paths.

The contracts to build the stations at Drury and Paerata have been awarded to John Holland Group. Initial station works at Drury began in early-December 2024, and at Paerātā in early-January 2025.



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At Paerātā Railway Station, the civil works contract has been awarded to John Fillmore Contracting. They began setting up their work site in December 2024 and will focus on connecting the station to the wider community by building a bus interchange, park and ride facilities and walking and cycling paths.

Construction is expected to be completed from early 2026, with the stations becoming operational shortly after.

A legal challenge in the early stages of the Ngākōroa Railway Station project delayed design and building, meaning it will become operational in 2027.

HOW DID YOU NAME THE THREE STATIONS?

Through our Mana Whenua forum, Iwi gifted the following names to KiwiRail and Auckland Transport.

- (Te) Maketuu Station (Drury Central)
- Ngaakooroa Station (Drury West)
- Paeraataa Station (Paerata)

Under a joint submission with Auckland Transport, we submitted the gifted names to the New Zealand Geographic Board (NZGB) for consideration. NZGB is the authority responsible for naming railway stations.

The NZGB considered our proposal along with feedback provided through the NZGB public consultation process, and has confirmed the following names for the stations:

- Drury Railway Station (Drury Central)
- Ngākōroa Railway Station (Drury West)
- Paerātā Railway Station (Paerata)

ARE WE WORKING WITH MANA WHENUA?

We are working closely with our Mana Whenua partners on the design of the stations including reflecting the narrative of the area in the design of the station buildings.

As we finalise all aspects of the project, and throughout the construction phase, we will continue to work with Mana Whenua partners.



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Drury Railway Station



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Paerātā Railway Station



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PAERĀTĀ RAILWAY STATION (PAERATA)

As part of the Drury Rail Stations project, NZTA is delivering a new roundabout on SH22 that will provide access to Paerātā Railway Station.

It will take up to 15 months to build the roundabout and new road to the rail station, including minor finishing works after the new road is open.

Because this isn't an existing intersection, most work can be done while keeping SH22 open as usual.

To get the job done safely, efficiently and effectively NZTA need to have temporary speed limits and occasional overnight lane closures. Use the NZTA Journey Planner to help plan your travel and follow us on social media for updates. To reach out to the NZTA project team, email sh22paerata@nzta.govt.nz



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Ngākōroa Railway Station



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PEDESTRIAN ACCESS BETWEEN ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE AND NGĀKŌROA RAILWAY STATION

A dedicated pedestrian pathway connecting St Ignatius College to Ngākōroa Railway Station is currently not included in KiwiRail's scope of work or budget for this site.

KiwiRail is supportive of a direct and safe walking route for students accessing the college via public transport and is open to working with Auckland Transport and St Ignatius College to explore options for a pathway, should they wish to pursue this.



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