



HENDERSON 24/7 RAIL WORKS: CONSTRUCTION

November 2025

Dear neighbour,

KiwiRail is building a third platform and additional rail at Henderson Station. This upgrade work, which will enable more frequent and reliable train services when the City Rail Link (CRL) opens in 2026, is scheduled for completion early next year.

Over the summer rail upgrade on the Western Line (see dates right), **KiwiRail will continue building a third platform at Henderson Station and undertake other platform works.** We will also continue to upgrade rail foundations around the station. **Some of this work will happen night and day to complete it more quickly.**

These upgrades will help make Auckland's rail network more reliable and resilient to weather events. The third platform will allow some trains to be turned around in Henderson at the end of service, while retaining two through-tracks for trains travelling to and from Swanson.

There will be a full Auckland rail network closure between 27 December and 18 January; the closure on the Western Line will extend until 26 January. Testing of the new City Rail Link timetable means the entire network will be closed to passengers on 27–28 January 2026. Passengers are encouraged to check the AT Mobile app or visit the Auckland Transport website to plan their travel at.govt.nz/journeyplanner

The Rail Bus West will serve full and partial closures and supplement the Western Line between Henderson and Swanson during periods when trains aren't running.

What we are doing:

The upgrades in Henderson include building:

- a third platform, to support additional trains and enable the Onehunga-West Line
- additional rail for trains to cross between tracks
- an emergency egress bridge
- a staff facility building to accommodate additional train drivers and station staff

During the summer closure, we will be completing track, overhead line works, the emergency egress bridge and platform extensions, and undertaking signals and final drainage works.

Upcoming dates

24/7 construction works to improve rail infrastructure:

- **27 December to 26 January 2026**
- **27-28 January:** City Rail Link timetable testing – no passenger services

To plan your upcoming journey, please visit [Auckland Transports Journey Planner](https://at.govt.nz/journeyplanner).

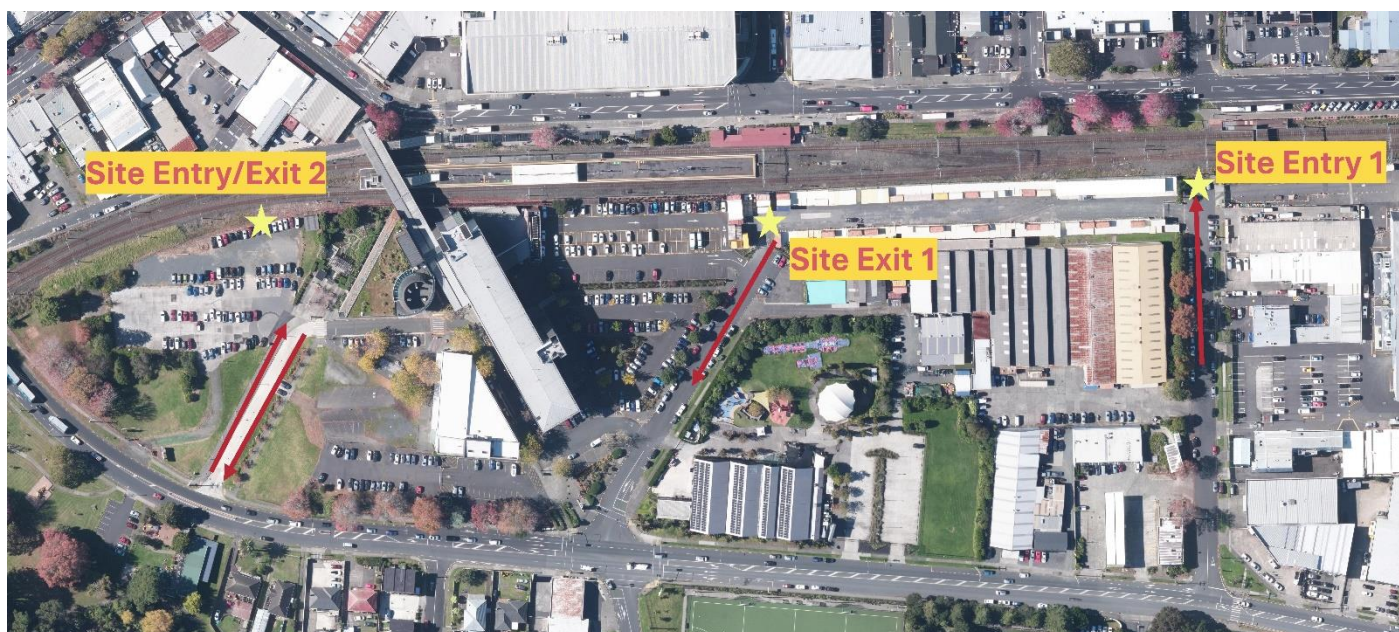


How does this affect me?

During this work, general construction noise, vibration, dust and increased truck movement should be expected. This will be at two locations - north of Henderson Station, adjacent to Laidlaw College carpark, and on Railside Avenue between the old Henderson Station building and the KiwiRail hut.

KiwiRail and AT have made changes on Railside Avenue which impact footpath access and temporarily remove two bus waiting bays. There is traffic management in place at this location. The footpath adjacent to the rail corridor will remain open for pedestrians and traffic management will be in place to control vehicle entry and exit to the work site.

There will also be an increase in heavy vehicle movements on the Henderson Valley Road side of the station, particularly around (three site entry & exit points, left to right, in the map below) the entrance to the parking area behind Laidlaw College, Smythe Road and Hickory Avenue. Pedestrians and motorists should exercise caution in these areas.



Summer Rail Closure

KiwiRail is progressively laying new track infrastructure and extending the current platform island to create a new third platform to the south.