



HENDERSON 24/7 RAIL WORKS: CONSTRUCTION

February 2026

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, is scheduled for completion in the first half of 2026.

Over the Waitangi Day long weekend (6-8 February), KiwiRail will continue building a third platform, emergency exit bridge and associated staff facilities at Henderson Station, and undertake other platform works. Some of this work will happen night and day to complete it more quickly.

Day and night work will continue at this location during the Easter long weekend (see dates right) in April and during a three-day rail closure for Anzac Day weekend.

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.

The works at Henderson will also enable the new Onehunga-West Line, which will allow passengers to travel by train direct from Henderson to South Auckland

The Auckland rail network will be completely closed during 6-8 February. Passengers are encouraged to check the AT Mobile app or visit the Auckland Transport (AT) website to plan their travel at.govt.nz/journeyplanner

The Rail Bus West will serve full and partial closures; It will supplement the Western Line between Swanson and Waitemata during the Waitangi Day long weekend.

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 exit bridge
- a staff facility building to accommodate additional train drivers and station staff

During the Waitangi Day long weekend rail works, our team will focus on fitting out the new third platform and completing staff facilities.

Upcoming dates

24/7 construction works to improve rail infrastructure:

- **Friday 6 February to Sunday 8 February 2026** (Waitangi Day long weekend)
- **Friday 3 April to Monday 6 April** (Easter long weekend)
- **Saturday 25 April – Monday 27 April** (Anzac Day long weekend)

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

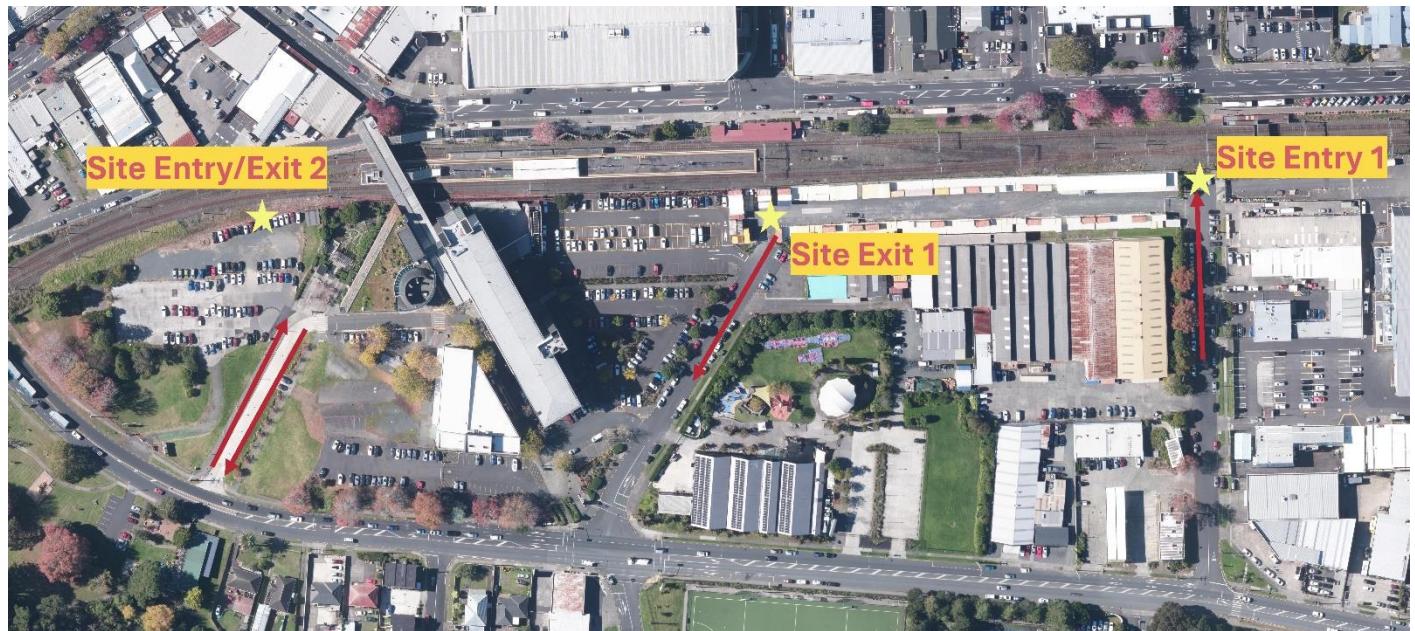


How does this affect me?

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.



The City Rail Link (CRL) Henderson Station third platform project is part of an extensive programme to upgrade and renew Auckland's rail network in preparation for the CRL to open in the second half of 2026.

Henderson Station will play a pivotal role in the new Auckland rail network. After CRL opens, trains will run every eight minutes during the peak, with passengers travelling from Henderson arriving at the new Te Waihorotiu Station in midtown within 35 minutes – a 24 minute time saving compared to current public transport options.

The CRL will also allow passengers to travel by train direct from Henderson to South Auckland, via the new [Onehunga-West line](#).