



HENDERSON 24/7 RAIL WORKS: CONSTRUCTION

May-June 2026

Dear neighbour,

KiwiRail has built a third platform, emergency exit bridge, and additional rail at Henderson Station. We're in the final stages of this upgrade project, which will enable more frequent and reliable train services when City Rail Link opens later this year.

During the King's Birthday long weekend (see dates right), **KiwiRail will continue work to finish up this upgrade project. Work is scheduled during day and night shifts.** As construction is mostly finished, our team will be testing and commissioning the new rail systems and infrastructure to ensure they're fit for purpose.

There will be a full Auckland rail network closure from Saturday 30 May until the end of Monday 1 June 2026. Please check the AT Mobile app or visit the Auckland Transport (AT) website to plan your travel at.govt.nz/journeyplanner

It is possible that there will be some tidy-up works at this location during the Matariki long weekend (10-13 July) when the Auckland network is closed. However, the Henderson upgrade project will be mostly finished by the end of June. KiwiRail is very appreciative of the Henderson community and the understanding and patience has shown us for the duration of this project.

The upgrade will help make Auckland's rail network more reliable and resilient to weather events. The works at Henderson will enable the new Onehunga-West Line, which will allow passengers to travel by train direct from Henderson to South Auckland for the first time, as well as quicker journeys into the central city.

The Rail Bus West will serve full and partial closures and supplement the Western Line between Swanson and Waitemata during these holiday weekends.

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 King's Birthday long weekend, our team will finish off work, tidy up the site and complete the testing and commissioning of the new rail infrastructure.

Upcoming dates

24/7 construction works to improve rail infrastructure:

- **6am on Saturday 30 May to 6pm on Monday 1 June** (King's Birthday long weekend)

Possibility of works:

- **Friday 10 July to Monday 13 July** (Matariki long weekend)

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

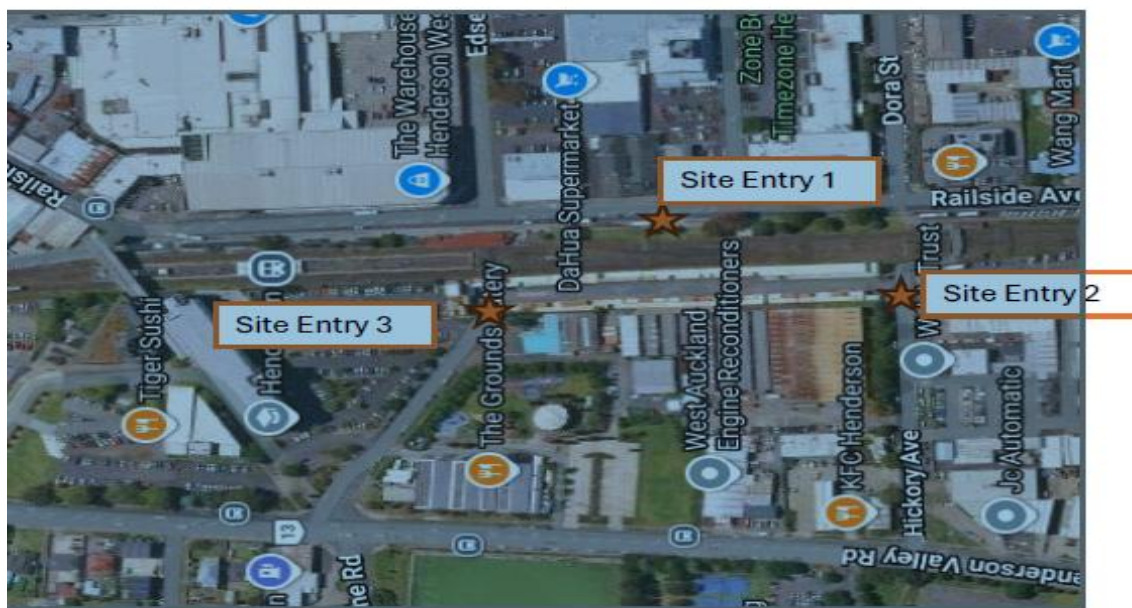


How does this affect me?

During this work, general construction noise, vibration, dust and increased vehicle 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 be vehicle movements on the Henderson Valley Road side of the station, particularly around (as shown in the below map) Smythe Road, Hickory Avenue and RAILSIDE AVENUE. Please 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 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, passengers will be able to travel from Henderson to 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](#).