



Rail Network Rebuild

KINGSLAND RAIL WORKS: 24/7 CONSTRUCTION

December 2025

Dear neighbour,

KiwiRail is rebuilding the rail network in your area to make train travel more resilient and reliable and to prepare for the more frequent trains the City Rail Link (CRL) will bring when it opens next year. We are completing a major upgrade of our rail network between Kingsland and Morningside.

Over the summer rail upgrade (see dates right), KiwiRail will be undertaking track works on the George Street level crossing and in the rail corridor behind the Gull Kingsland petrol station in Kingland. Some of this work will happen day and night so we can complete it as quickly as possible.

The New North Road entrance to George Street (as marked in the map – overleaf) will be used as an access point for vehicles needed for this work, so George Street will be closed. Traffic management will be in place. Please exercise caution when in the area. As this is a large and complex piece of work, it can only be undertaken when there are no passenger trains running.

There will be a full Auckland rail network closure between 27 December and 18 January. From 19-26 January, there will be no passenger trains running on the Western Line. Testing of the new CRL 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 (AT) website to plan their travel at.govt.nz/journeyplanner

These upgrades are part of the Rail Network Rebuild (RNR) programme that is replacing aging foundations under the tracks and upgrading drainage to make the network more resilient to weather events and help get ready for CRL.

What we are doing:

KiwiRail teams will undertake track works, including the cutting, welding and destressing of rails, using excavators to dig under them, and tamping down ballast.

We will also be undertaking work on behalf of AT to improve the function of George Street and its level crossing, which allows pedestrians to safely cross the train tracks. Recent assessments of the level crossing have identified road surface damage (grounding) which poses an increased risk of damage to the rail track. We will be reshaping the road, creating a smoother approach to the level crossing to prevent vehicle grounding. The footpath will be rebuilt to tie in with the new road gradient. AT is also reviewing the vehicle use of the level crossing and will be seeking a resolution to restrict specific types of heavy vehicles from using this level crossing to protect the rail tracks from potential damage.

Upcoming dates

- **27 December to 11 January 2026:** 24/7 construction works to improve rail infrastructure
- **27 December to 26 January:** no passenger trains on the Western Line
- **27-28 January:** City Rail Link timetable testing – no passenger services

Find out more

For enquiries and to sign up to work notifications by email please contact us via

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Visit our website:

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Night works – what you can expect

We are undertaking major track works in your area. During this work there may be noise, dust, vibrations and lights needed to keep the workers safe at night. Our teams are mindful that they are working in residential areas and will do their best to keep the disruption to a minimum. However, despite their efforts this work may cause you some disturbance and we apologise in advance for this.

Please note that KiwiRail contractors will use the Parkable open-air parking lot at 340-344 New North Road (on the corner of George Street) for materials storage during the construction project. It will not be available for public use.

The work area, materials storage area and George Street Road closure are shown in the map below. Traffic management will be in place. The George Street level crossing will be closed to pedestrians, to keep them safe when construction works are underway. Please exercise caution when in the area.



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