



PAERATA RAIL WORKS: 24/7 CONSTRUCTION

APRIL 2026

Dear neighbour,

KiwiRail is readying the Auckland rail network to prepare it for the more frequent trains the City Rail Link (CRL) will bring when it opens later this year and to make train travel more resilient and reliable. We are completing construction works in between Pukekohe and Paerātā.

Over the Easter long weekend (dates right), KiwiRail will complete an upgrade of our rail infrastructure in Paerātā. We will be replacing some ballast, the rocks rails sit on, then tamping them down, and also installing some modern drainage in two sections along the rail line.

We will also carry out distress works, which involve cutting and stretching a section of rail to relieve stress and reduce the risk of buckling or cracking. Unfortunately, due to needing cooler temperatures for distressing, **our teams need to work overnight on Tuesday 7 April to complete this work.**

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 3 April and 6 April. Please check the AT Mobile app or visit the Auckland Transport website to plan your travel at.govt.nz/journeyplanner

How this affects you:

We are undertaking track and drainage works in your area. This work can generally only be done during extended periods when no or reduced numbers of commuter trains are running.

Our teams are aware they are working close to neighbouring properties and will do their best to minimise any disturbance. However, there is likely to be noise and increased vehicle movements from this activity; we apologise in advance for this.

Our facility in Sim Road, Paerātā, which will be used to store and transport equipment and materials needed for this work. There will be increased truck movements along Sim Road (marked in the map – overleaf), work trains and rail vehicles operating and near another access point at 370 Karaka Road. Please take extra care around the network.

Upcoming dates

Construction works to upgrade rail infrastructure:

- **Friday 3 April to Monday 6 April** (Easter long weekend): dayshift only
- **6am Tuesday 7 April until 6am Wednesday 8 April:** 24/7 works

At times temporary traffic management will be required – please follow the signs.

Find out more

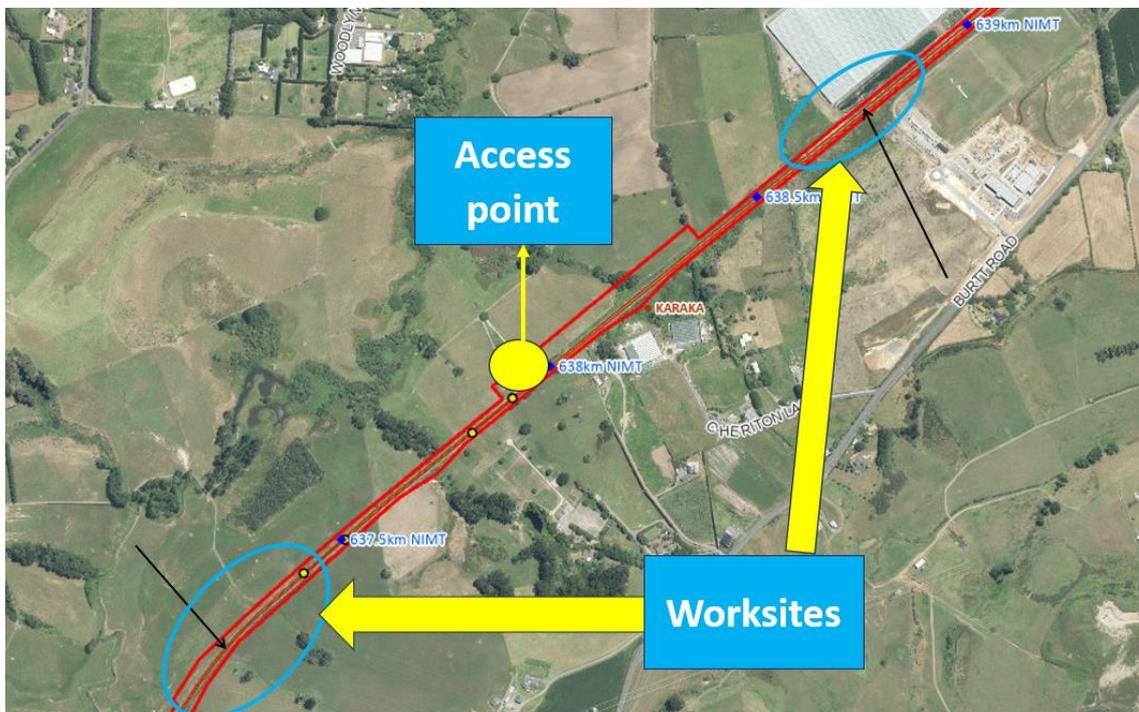
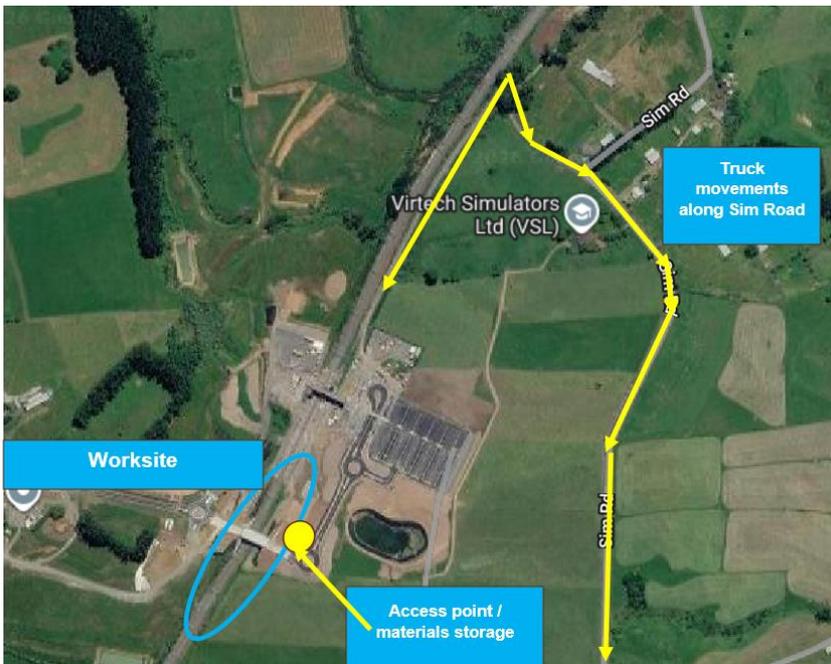
If you have any queries about our work, contact our Community Engagement Team via contactus@kiwirail.co.nz or **0800 801 070 ext 43042.**

To receive future work notifications by email, send your address with your details to the contacts above.

Thanks for your patience while we carry out this important work - The KiwiRail team.

The destressing of rail lines will take place near the new Paerātā Station (top map below), which is currently under construction. Another access point will be used at 370 Karaka Road (bottom map below). The work locations, route for trucks and materials storage site are marked in the maps below. There is likely to be heavy vehicle movements along Sim Road. Please use extra caution when travelling in the area.

We will be storing equipment and materials in our usual facility in Sim Road, Paerātā.



How can I get in contact?

For more information, or to receive our works notices by email, please contact our Community Engagement team on contactus@kiwirail.co.nz

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