



Rail Network Rebuild

PAPAKURA RAIL WORKS: 24/7 CONSTRUCTION

February 2026

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 in the second half of 2026. We are completing a major upgrade of our rail network between Papakura and Wiri.

Over the Waitangi Day long weekend (see dates and hours of work - right), **KiwiRail will be completing the installation of overhead electric lines and associated track works in Papakura.** Teams will carry out destress works, which involve cutting and stretching a section of rail to relieve stress and reduce the risk of buckling or cracking.

Due to needing cooler temperatures for destressing, our teams will be working day and night to complete this work.

We will be using rail land at Railway Street West, Boundary Road and another site at Pratt Street (as marked in the map – overleaf) as access points for vehicles needed for this work. Please exercise caution when in these areas.

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 6 and 8 February. Please check the AT Mobile app or visit the Auckland Transport website to plan your train 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:

We are completing major track 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 will also complete the installation of overhead electric lines to power the recently completed new track structure. We will also install new overhead masts and contact wires, which power the electric trains using the turnout to switch tracks.

Associated track and other works will also be completed during this period, including the destressing of rail lines.

Upcoming dates

- **From 6am Friday 6 February to 6pm Sunday 8 February 2026:** 24/7 construction works to improve rail infrastructure

Find out more

For enquiries and to sign up to work notifications by email please contact us via contactus@kiwirail.co.nz or 0800 801 070 ext 43042.

Visit our website: kiwirail.co.nz/aklrailrebuild.

Night works – what you can expect

We are completing 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.

There will also be increased vehicle movements near Railway Street West, Pratt Street, and Boundary Road so please take extra care when in these areas. Work areas and the access points (though Boundary Road is further south) are shown in the map below.



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

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