

Rail Network Rebuild

SWANSON 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 continuing a major upgrade of our rail network between Henderson and Swanson.

Over the summer rail upgrade on the Western Line (see dates right), **KiwiRail will continue to upgrade drainage and foundations under the tracks in the rail corridor near your property. Some of these works will happen day and night** so we can complete them as quickly as possible.

Sites at O'Neill's Road Pooks Road, Metcalfe Road, Mihini Road and Mount Lebanon Lane will be used as access points for vehicles needed for this work. Traffic management will be in place. Please exercise caution in these areas.

There will be a full Auckland rail network closure between 27 December and 18 January; the closure on the Western Line will extend until 26 January. Testing of the new City Rail Link 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 website to plan their travel at.govt.nz/journeyplanner

The Rail Network Rebuild (RNR) replaces aging foundations under the tracks and upgrades drainage to make them more resilient to weather events. The work allows trains to be more reliable and helps get the network ready for the CRL.

What we are doing:

RNR work involves the following steps:

- Cutting and removing existing track and sleepers
- Using small excavators to build new drainage structures
- Digging up and rebuilding foundations, excavating and replacing ballast
- Laying tracks and sleepers, connecting, re-aligning and balancing tracks.

KiwiRail will use this opportunity to undertake other renewal and enabling works to ensure the safety and reliability of the Auckland rail network in West Auckland.

Upcoming dates

24/7 construction works on the Western Line:

- **27 December to 20 January 2026**
- **27-28 January:** City Rail Link timetable testing – no passenger services

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

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.

Thanks for your patience while we carry out this important work - The KiwiRail team.
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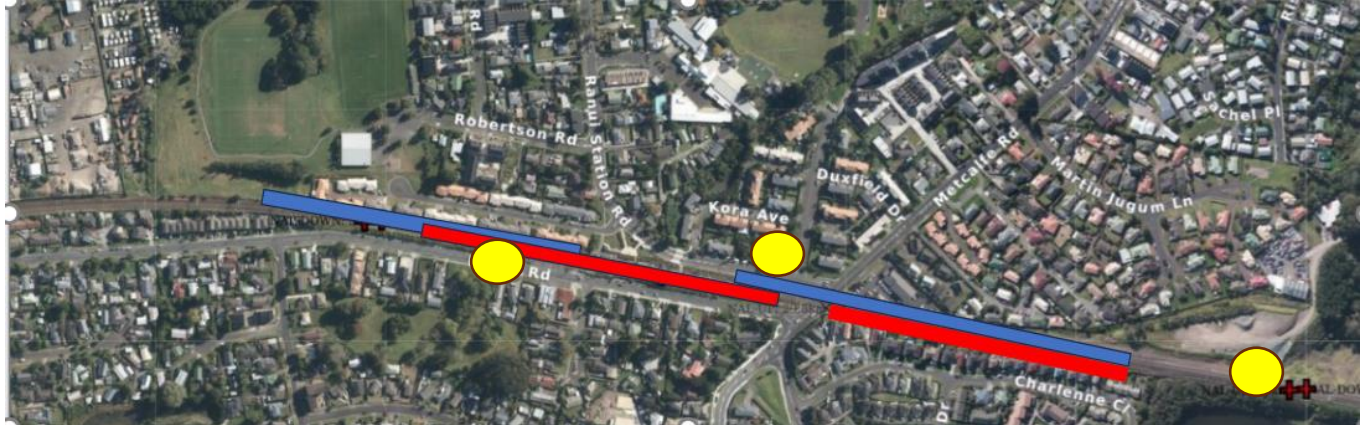
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Night works – what you can expect

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

Traffic management will be in place in Mount Lebanon Lane, Metcalfe Road and Pooks Road. Please exercise caution when in these areas. Work areas and access points are shown in the maps below:

- A. Pooks Road, Metcalfe Road and Mihini Road access points (yellow circles) and work areas (red = foundations) (blue = drainage). An O'Neill's Road level crossing access point (to the west on Pooks Road) is shown below; please note the pedestrian crossing will remain open for public use.



- B. Mount Lebanon Lane access point (yellow circle) along with foundation work site.

