



TAKANINI 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 progressing construction works in South Auckland, including Takanini.

During the four-day Easter rail upgrade (see dates right), KiwiRail will progress an upgrade of our rail infrastructure in Takanini.

Teams will install new sleepers and drainage under small sections of the rail network and carry out distress 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 distressing, **our teams will be working day and night to complete this project.** We will be using the Vehicle Testing New Zealand (VTNZ) centre in Spartan Road as an access point. Traffic management will be in place; please use caution when in these areas.

As this is a 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 2026.

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

This project is part of KiwiRail's work to prepare Auckland's rail network for increased services and more frequent trains as part of the CRL.

What we are doing:

This upgrade will improve reliability and allow more frequent trains:

- Installing modern drainage
- Replacing some aging sleepers
- Cutting, grinding, welding and distressing of rails
- Replacing and tamping down new ballast, the rocks the rails sit on.

Upcoming dates*

24/7 construction works to upgrade Takanini rail infrastructure:

- **Friday 3 April to Monday 6 April** (Easter long weekend)

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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Night works – what you can expect

We are completing some track and construction 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 be increased vehicle movements near VTNZ in Spartan Road. We will use this area for materials storage and to access the rail corridor. Please take extra caution when in the vicinity. Work sites and access points are marked in the below maps:

