

Dear neighbour,

KiwiRail is building a third platform and additional rail at Henderson Station. This upgrade work, which will enable more frequent and reliable train services when the City Rail Link (CRL) opens in 2026, is scheduled for completion early next year.

Over the **September-October school holidays**, KiwiRail will begin construction of a third platform at Henderson Station and undertake other platform works. We will also continue to upgrade rail foundations around the station. **Some of this work will happen night and day to complete it more quicky.**

To enable this work, KiwiRail and our partner Auckland Transport (AT) have made changes on Railside Avenue which impact footpath access and temporarily remove two bus waiting bays. There is traffic management in place and there will be increased vehicle movements; please exercise caution when in this area.

The improvements underway will help to make Auckland's rail network more reliable and resilient in preparation for CRL. The third platform will allow some trains to be turned around in Henderson at the end of service, while retaining two throughtracks for trains travelling to and from Swanson.

Work to achieve this can't be undertaken while the usual number of trains are running. So there will be a reduced frequency of trains on the Western Line between 20 to 27 September and 29 September to 3 October. No trains will run on the Western Line on 21-22 September or 28 September and no trains will run between New Lynn and Swanson on 4-5 October.

The Rail Bus West will serve full and partial closures and supplement the Western Line between Henderson and Swanson during reduced rail frequency and periods of single line running.

Single line running

Trains will use one track between Swanson and Henderson during 20 to 27 September and between 29 September to 3 October. These 'single line running' periods allow KiwiRail to work on one set of rails while trains run on the second set.

One platform will be closed at Henderson, Sturges Road and Ranui stations. All trains will depart from platform 1. Signage will alert passengers, pedestrians and motorists to take extra care when using level crossings at and near these stations.

Trains can travel in either direction on the same line during these times. Before crossing train tracks around these three stations, please follow all safety signage and do not cross when the warning lights are on.

Upcoming dates

24/7 construction works to improve rail infrastructure:

- September-October school holidays: Saturday 20 September – Sunday 5 October
- Extended Labour Day holiday weekend: Friday 24 October to Monday 27 October inclusive
- 2025-26 summer closure: rail closure and construction works

To plan your upcoming journey, please visit Auckland Transports Journey Planner.





How does this affect me?

During this work, general construction noise, vibration, dust and increased truck movement should be expected. This will be at two locations - north of Henderson Station, adjacent to Laidlaw College carpark, and on Railside Avenue between the old Henderson Station building and the KiwiRail hut.

KiwiRail and AT have made changes on Railside Avenue which impact footpath access and temporarily remove two bus waiting bays. There is traffic management in place at this location. The footpath adjacent to the rail corridor will remain open for pedestrians and traffic management will be in place to control vehicle entry and exit to the work site.

There will also be an increase in heavy vehicle movements on the Henderson Valley Road side of the station, particularly around (three site entry & exit points, left to right, in the map below) the entrance to the parking area behind Laidlaw College, Smythe Road and Hickory Avenue. Pedestrians and motorists should exercise caution in these areas.



Labour Weekend to Summer Holidays

KiwiRail is progressively laying new track infrastructure and extending the current island platform to create a new third platform to the south. To support additional patronage capacity, teams will also be adding a new emergency footbridge, train driver facilities, signage, CCTV, help points, and a rain shelter.

