



Rail Network Rebuild

PARNELL TUNNEL 24/7 RAIL WORKS

October 2025

Dear neighbour,

KiwiRail is continuing to rebuild and upgrade Auckland's rail network to make train travel more resilient and reliable and to prepare the network for the more frequent trains the City Rail Link (CRL) will bring when it opens next year. We are undertaking major track works in Parnell Tunnel.

During the extended five-day Labour weekend (see dates left), **we will be undertaking enabling works**, in preparation for upgrading drainage and foundations under the tracks, **in Parnell Tunnel**. This is part of the work to make necessary repairs to the 110-year-old tunnel. Our teams will complete this section of work very early on Tuesday 28 October.

Parnell Station, Cowrie Street and Sarawia Street, Newmarket, will be used as access points for our vehicles, so please take extra care when in the vicinity.

This work will take place day and night so we can complete it as quickly as possible. As most construction activity will occur inside the tunnel, we don't anticipate it will be particularly noisy, though **there will be increased vehicle movements around Cowie Street in particular.**

A full rail network shutdown is scheduled over the four days. Passengers are encouraged to check the AT Mobile app or visit the AT website to plan their travel at.govt.nz/journeyplanner

KiwiRail will return to this location over the four-week Summer Rail Closure (starting 27 December) to complete this critical work.

To find out more, visit kiwirail.co.nz/aklrailrebuild.

What we are doing:

The Rail Network Rebuild work will improve reliability, allow more frequent trains and improve the ride for passengers. The work involves the following steps:

- Removing track, ballast, foundations and drainage throughout the tunnel
- Installation of new drainage, foundations and ballast
- Replacement of all sleepers and reinstalling existing rail
- Installation of new signals cables to improve resilience.

Upcoming dates

24/7 construction work:

- **Extended Labour Day holiday weekend:** From midnight Thursday 23 October to 5:00am Tuesday 28 October inclusive

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.

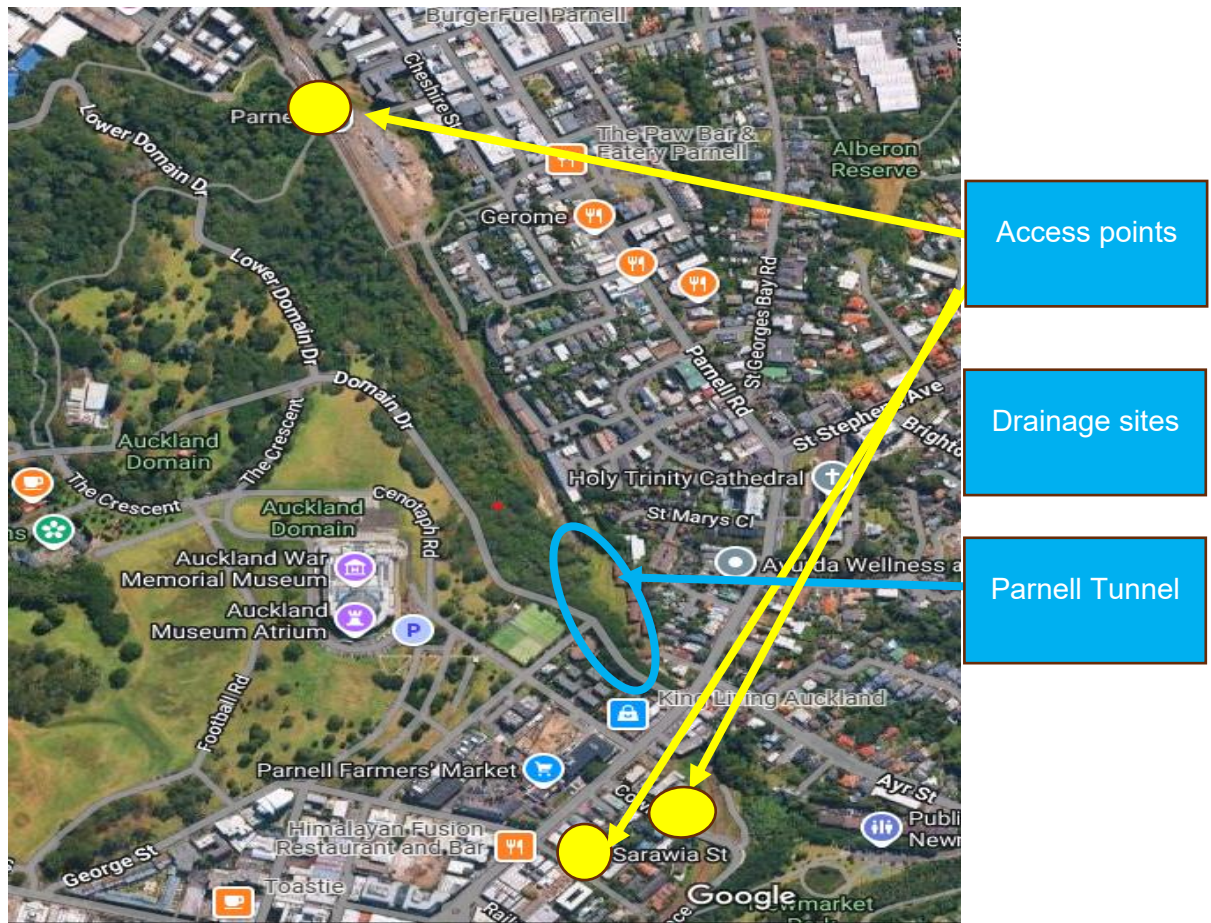
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LOCATION OF PARNELL TUNNEL RAIL WORKS

What this means for you

During this work there may be noise, dust, vibrations and lights needed to keep the workers safe. 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 Parnell Station, Cowrie Street and Sarawia Street so please take extra caution when in these areas. Work areas and these three access points are shown in the map below:



To learn more about where KiwiRail is working, visit: <https://www.kiwirail.co.nz/our-network/our-regions/amp/upcoming-work/>

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