

HENDERSON RAIL WORKS: 24/7 CONSTRUCTION

May 2025

Dear neighbour,

KiwiRail is building a third platform and additional rail at Henderson Station which will enable more frequent and reliable train services when the City Rail Link (CRL) opens next year. Henderson construction works began in October 2024 and are expected to finish in early 2026.

Project update

In November 2024, Auckland Transport (AT) began to completely replace the existing lifts and escalators in Henderson Station. The first section of work has been securely fenced off to the public and clear wayfinding signage has been put in place. About three months' worth of work remains on this.

At the same time, KiwiRail has been replacing aging rail infrastructure and sleepers, upgrading underground foundations and installing new turnouts, which will allow trains to switch between tracks. In the most recent April rail closure, KiwiRail installed four new turnouts at Henderson, replaced 350m of rail and 450m of foundations.

These improvements are key to providing greater resilience to the network and ensuring the rail assets remain in top operational condition.

They bring KiwiRail closer to being able to move the junction further south to enable the development of a new third track terminating at Henderson Station and a third platform to serve this. The third platform will allow some trains to be turned around at Henderson at the end of their service, while keeping two through-tracks available for trains travelling on to Swanson.

What happens next?

The **next phase of upgrade and renewal works at Henderson**, and elsewhere on the Auckland rail network, **will take place over two forthcoming long weekends, King's Birthday (30 May to 2 June) and Matariki (20-23 June). Some of this work needs to happen at night** so we can complete it as quickly as possible.

There will be no trains running during these full rail network closures.

When all works are finished early next year, Henderson Station will have a new platform and facilities to enable more frequent and reliable train services as part of the CRL programme.

Upcoming dates*

Construction works to improve rail infrastructure:

- **King's Birthday weekend:**
7am Friday 30 May – 6pm
Monday 2 June: 24/7 works
- **Matariki weekend:** 7am Friday
20 June – 4pm Monday 23
June: 24/7 works

November 2024 – August 2025: lift and escalator replacement work.

June-July and Sept.-Oct. school holidays & 2025-26 summer: future rail closures and construction works.

To plan your upcoming journey, please visit [Auckland Transport's Journey Planner](#).



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.

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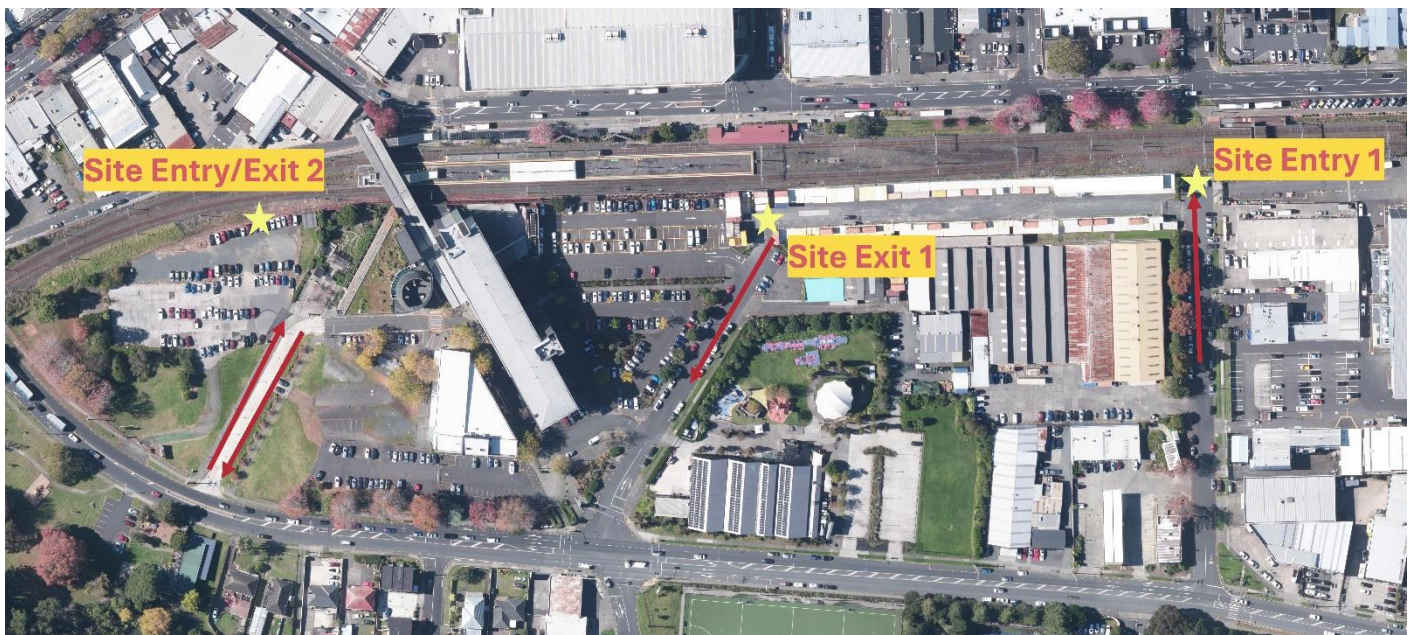
Night works – what you can expect

We are undertaking major track works around Henderson Station. The next stage of work will be to upgrade drainage, undertake ground condition investigations and replace aging rail in the vicinity of Henderson Station. 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 near other properties 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.

How does this affect me?

During this work, general construction noise, vibration, dust and increased truck movement should be expected. There will also be an increase in heavy vehicle movements on the Henderson Valley Road side of the station, particularly around (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.



Bus replacement services will be in place whenever train services are suspended for rail upgrade work.

Further project works will take place throughout 2025 and into early next year during holiday periods when there are scheduled rail closures. These will often coincide with public, school and university holidays when public transport patronage is lower.

As earlier advised, there will be times when night works may be required and we will advise neighbours of these.

Work to replace the lifts and escalators in the station, which will continue until early August. Work to replace the platform lift will continue to August. AT is operating a permanent mobility shuttle at Henderson to transport people to Sturges Rd Station or back to Henderson during this time.

The new lift on Railside Avenue was opened in February and is performing well. The lift on the Council Chambers side of the station was closed for replacement in February and is expected to reopened in early July. Customers with accessibility needs can use the lift on this side of the station. Both sets of escalators are expected to be open by the end of June.

How can I get in contact?

To speak to KiwiBuild about the rail infrastructure upgrade, please contact us on contactus@kiwirail.co.nz

For more information of the lift and escalator replacements, please contact Auckland Transport at <https://at.govt.nz/about-us/contact-us>