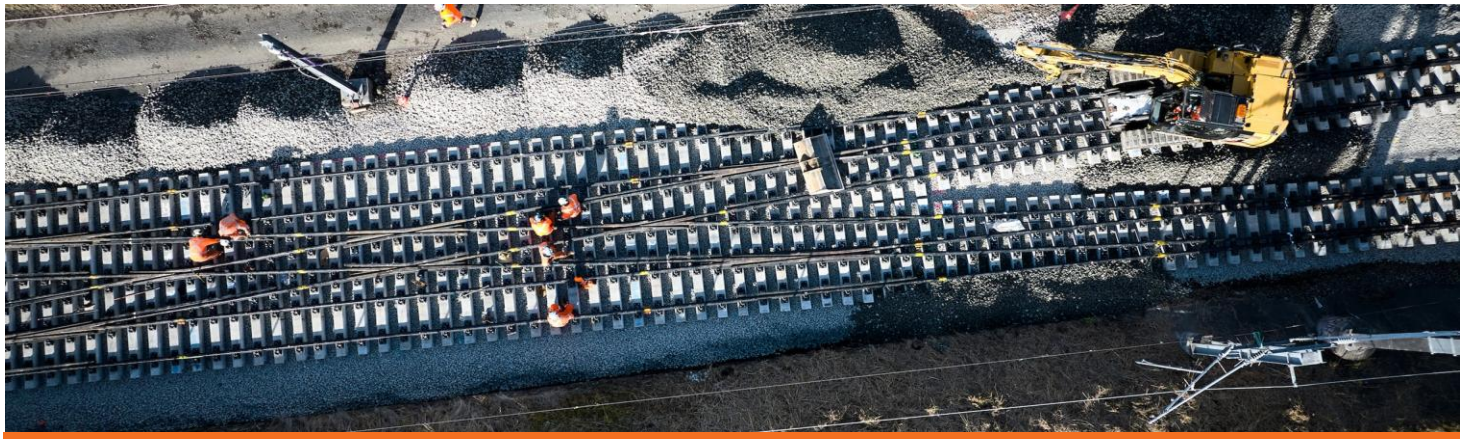


PAPAKURA RAIL WORKS: 24/7 CONSTRUCTION

December 2026

Dear neighbour,

As part of our regular programme of asset renewals, KiwiRail plans to renew rail infrastructure in Papakura, South Auckland.

Over a partial rail closure on the South City Line (formerly the Southern Line; see dates right)**, KiwiRail will replace two turnouts**, which enable trains to move from one track to another, **near Papakura Station. This work will happen day and night** so we can complete it as quickly as possible.

We will be using rail land at Railway Street West (as marked in the map – overleaf) as an access point for vehicles needed for this work. Please exercise caution when in the area. As this is a large and complex piece of work, it can only be undertaken when there are no passenger trains running.

There will be a partial rail closure on the South City Line between 27 December and 10 January, with no passenger trains south of Puhiniui Station. Please check the Auckland Transport (AT) Mobile app or visit the AT website to plan your train travel at.govt.nz/journeyplanner. Rail replacements buses will be in place to keep passengers moving.

This project is part of KiwiRail's scheduled renewals programme.

What we are doing:

Teams will be undertaking two full turnout replacements, which allows trains to switch tracks. This involves removing track infrastructure, digging new foundations, and then replacing the infrastructure with new assets.

The intensive work includes hydro excavation, rail grinding and cutting, welding and then putting into place the replacement turnouts. Once this has been done, the tamper will then tamp the new ballast into place.

Associated track and other works will also be completed during this period.

Upcoming dates

- **27 December to 5 January 2027:** 24/7 construction works to improve rail infrastructure
- **27 December to 10 January 2027:** no passenger services south of Puhinui Station

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.**

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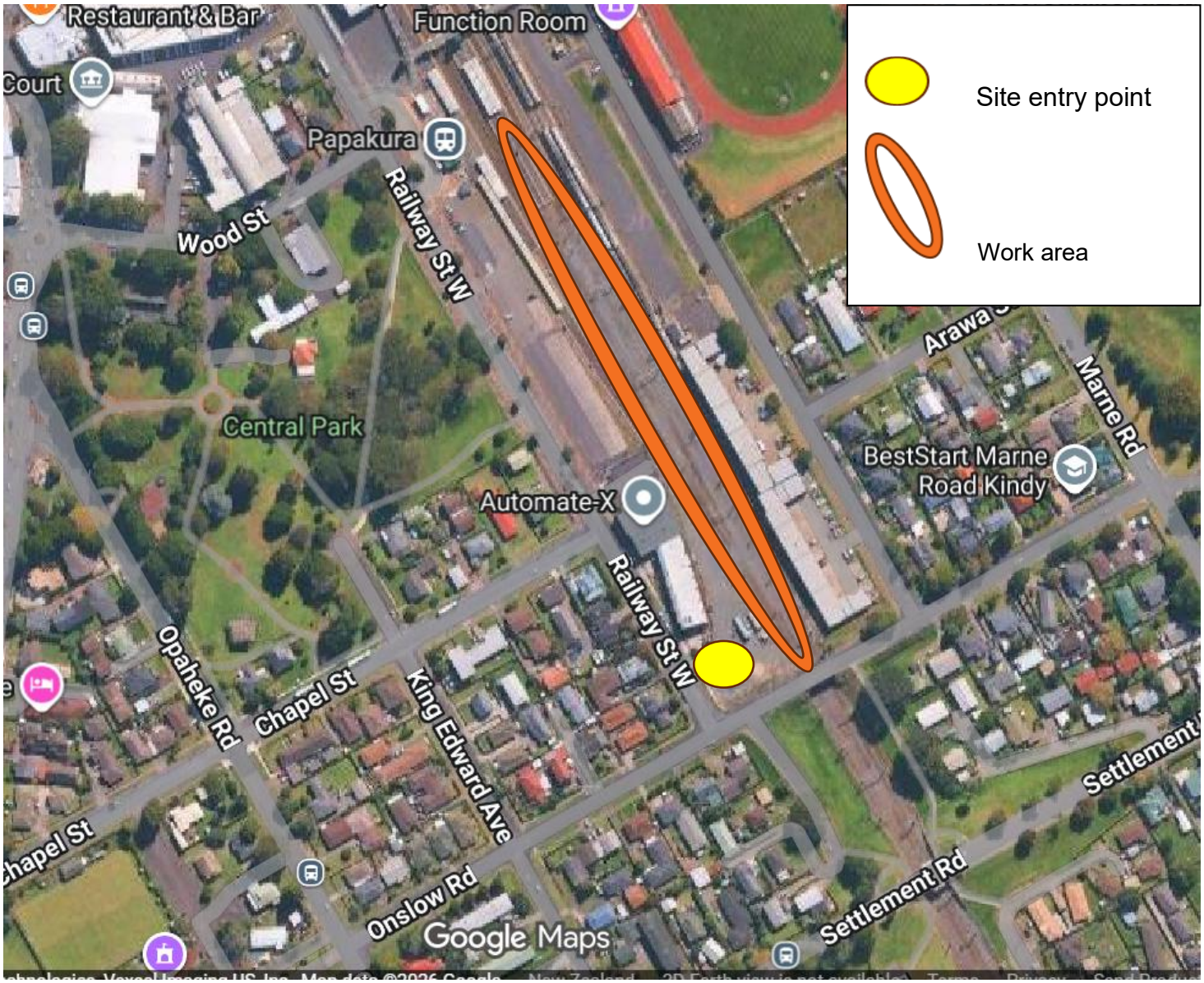
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Night works – what you can expect

We are undertaking construction works in your area. During this time, 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 also be increased vehicle movements near Railway Street West, so please take extra care when in the area. The work area and site access point are shown in the map below.



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