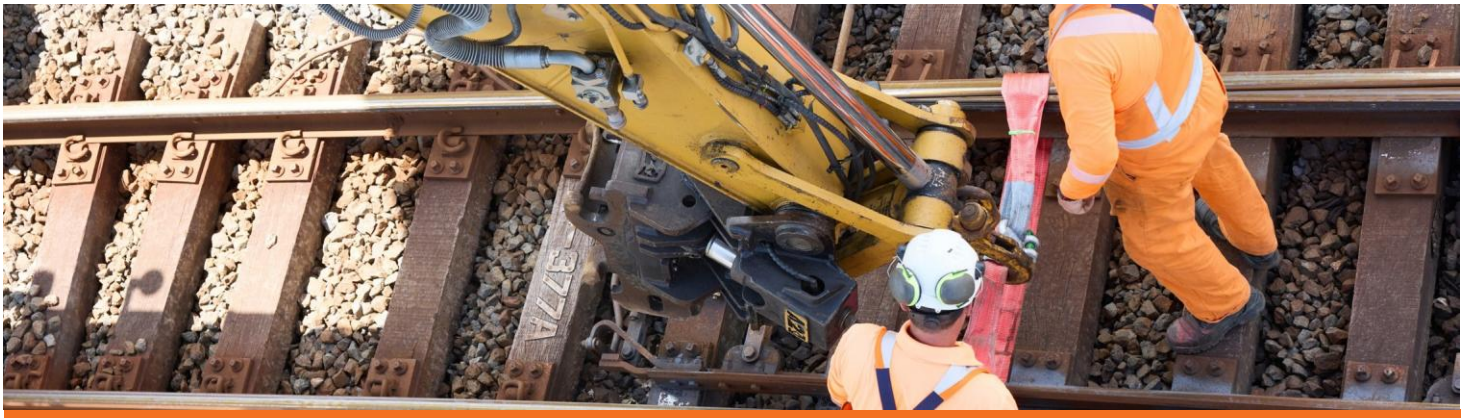


MORNINGSIDE DRIVE RAIL WORKS & ROAD CLOSURE

January 2027

Dear neighbour,

As part of our regular programme of asset renewals, KiwiRail plans to renew five rail level crossings in central and West Auckland.

Over a partial rail closure (see dates right) **of the East West Line** (which combines the old Eastern and Western lines)**, KiwiRail will renew the rail level crossing infrastructure at Morningside Drive, Mount Albert. This work will happen day and night** to complete it as quickly as possible.

As this is a major piece of work, **Morningside Drive will be closed at the New North Road end from 2-10 January 2027. Pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles won't be able to access the crossing over the work period.**

Please follow all signage and detours and exercise caution when in the area.

During the same period, our teams will also undertake maintenance and tamping works on the rail bridge over New North Road, which will require a partial road closure. We will also carry out various track remediation works east of the Morningside Drive level crossing, including sections of rail and sleeper renewal. More information about this work will be provided closer to the time.

The work will take place during a partial closure of the rail network when five East West Line rail crossings will be renewed. Passengers are encouraged to check the AT Mobile app or visit the AT website to plan their travel at.govt.nz/journeyplanner. Rail replacement buses will be available.

This project is part of KiwiRail's scheduled renewals programme. It is separate to the Auckland Council-led programme to decide how to replace the 21 remaining western level crossings with safer connections.

What we are doing:

KiwiRail will use the partial network closure to renew the Morningside Drive rail level crossing with modern materials. We will upgrade foundations, install modern drainage, replace old rails, sleepers and ballast and re-align the track.

We will also:

- tamp and destress the new track
- upgrade of the road and pedestrian crossing surfaces
- re-asphalt and mark lines on the road along with any required re-grading of roading approaches
- upgrade and reinstate overhead line equipment and signals.

Upcoming dates

- **2 to 10 January 2027:** 24/7 construction works to improve rail infrastructure
- **2 to 10 January 2027:** no passenger services west of Kingsland

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**.

For more on the Auckland Council-led western rail level crossings programme:

LevelCrossings@at.govt.nz

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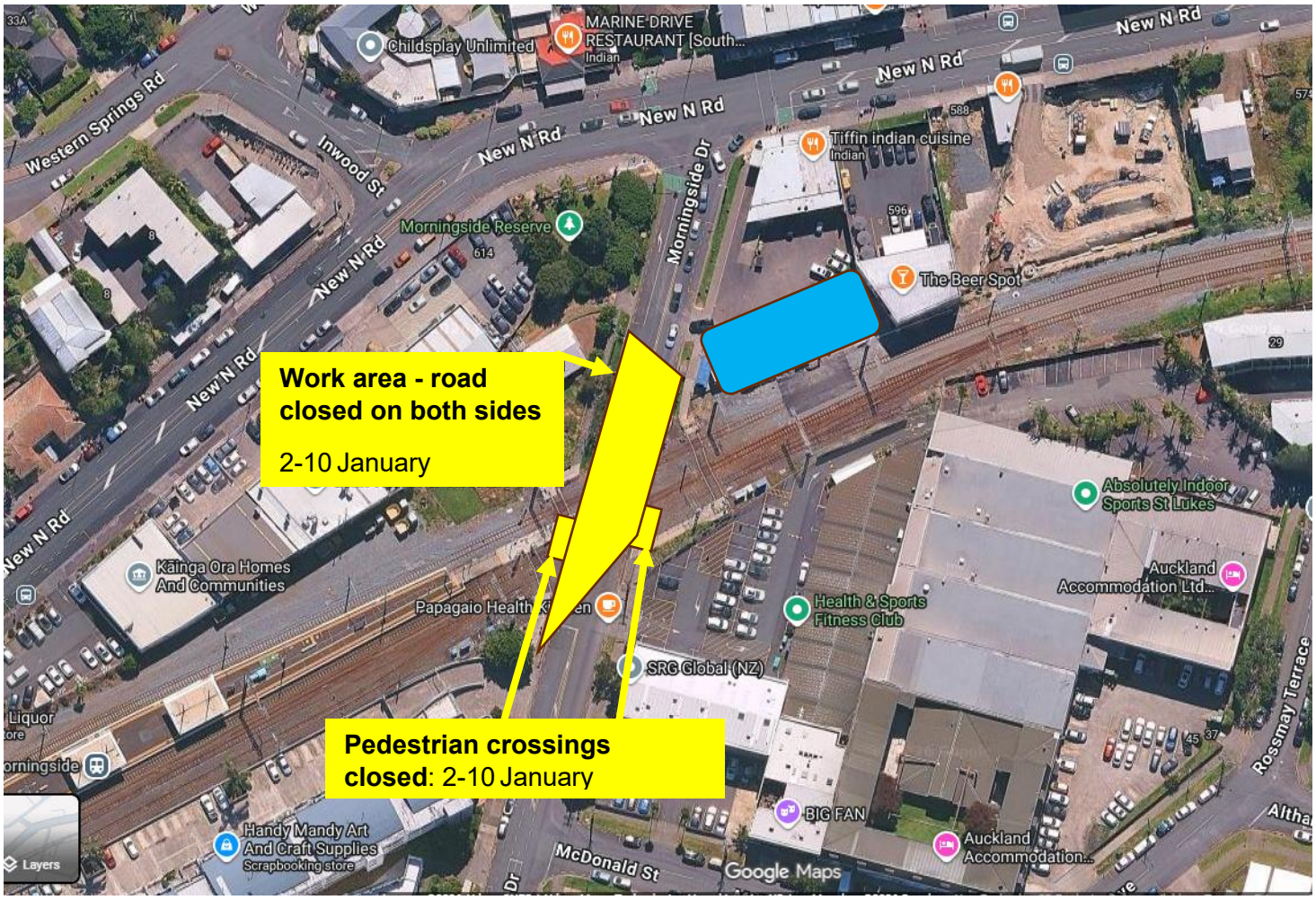
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24/7 rail works – what you can expect

We are undertaking rail 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.

Morningside Drive will be completely closed from 2-10 January as marked in the map below**. Pedestrian crossings on both (west and east) sides of the tracks will also be closed.** Traffic management will be in place to direct vehicles and pedestrians to detours on New North Road and Sandringham Road.

There is likely to be an increase in rail vehicles at the below location so please take extra care when in the area. The work area and the KiwiRail site compound (blue) are shown in the map below. Please follow all signage and exercise caution when in the below area.



KiwiRail is progressively renewing rail level crossing infrastructure across Auckland with modern materials that better cope with increased numbers of trains and vehicle traffic. The old level crossing of asphalt and rubber panels will be renewed with materials that are less likely to create potholes.

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