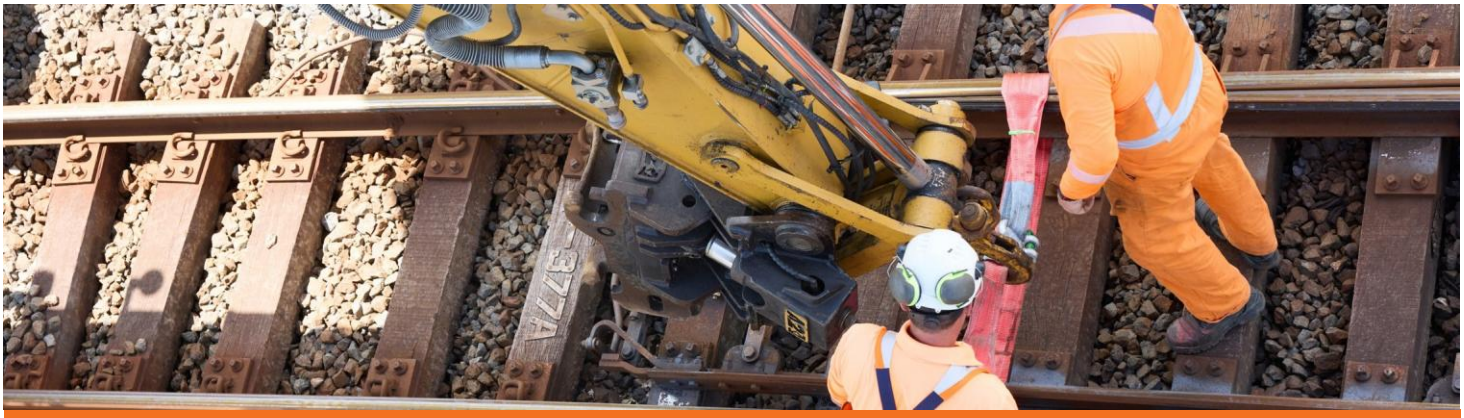

WOODWARD ROAD CLOSURE & RAIL WORKS

January 2027

Dear neighbour,

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

Over a partial closure (see dates right) **on the East West Line** (which combines the old Eastern and Western Lines), **KiwiRail will replace rail level crossing infrastructure on Woodward Road, Mount Albert. This work will happen day and night** to complete it as quickly as possible. **Pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles won't be able to use the crossing over this time.**

As this is a major piece of work, KiwiRail and Auckland Transport (AT) will close Woodward Road, at the New North Road end, from 2-10 January (please see map overleaf). Please follow all signage, barriers and directions, and exercise caution when in the area.

The old rail crossing is nearing the stage where it needs to be replaced. Rail level crossings are critical points where road and rail intersect, so it's important they are in top condition to ensure a safe, reliable and resilient rail network.

The upgrade will take place during a partial closure of the rail network between Maungawhau to Swanson. Five East West Line rail crossings will be upgraded during this nine-day closure. Passengers are encouraged to check the AT Mobile app or visit at.govt.nz/journeyplanner to plan their travel. Rail replacement buses will be available to keep passengers moving when trains aren't.

This project is part of KiwiRail's scheduled programme of rail asset renewals. 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 rail closure and full road closure to upgrade essential infrastructure on the Woodward Road level crossing with modern materials. This work will include upgrading the underlying foundations of the crossing, installing modern drainage, replacing old rails and sleepers and re-aligning the track.

We will also:

- tamp and destress the new track
- undertake minor cabling and civil works just south of the crossing
- upgrade the road and pedestrian crossing surfaces
- re-asphalt and mark lines on the road along with any required re-grading of roading approaches

Upcoming dates

- **4am Saturday 2 January until 6pm Sunday 10 January 2027:** 24/7 construction works to renew 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/our-network/our-regions/amp/upcoming-work

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

LevelCrossings@at.govt.nz

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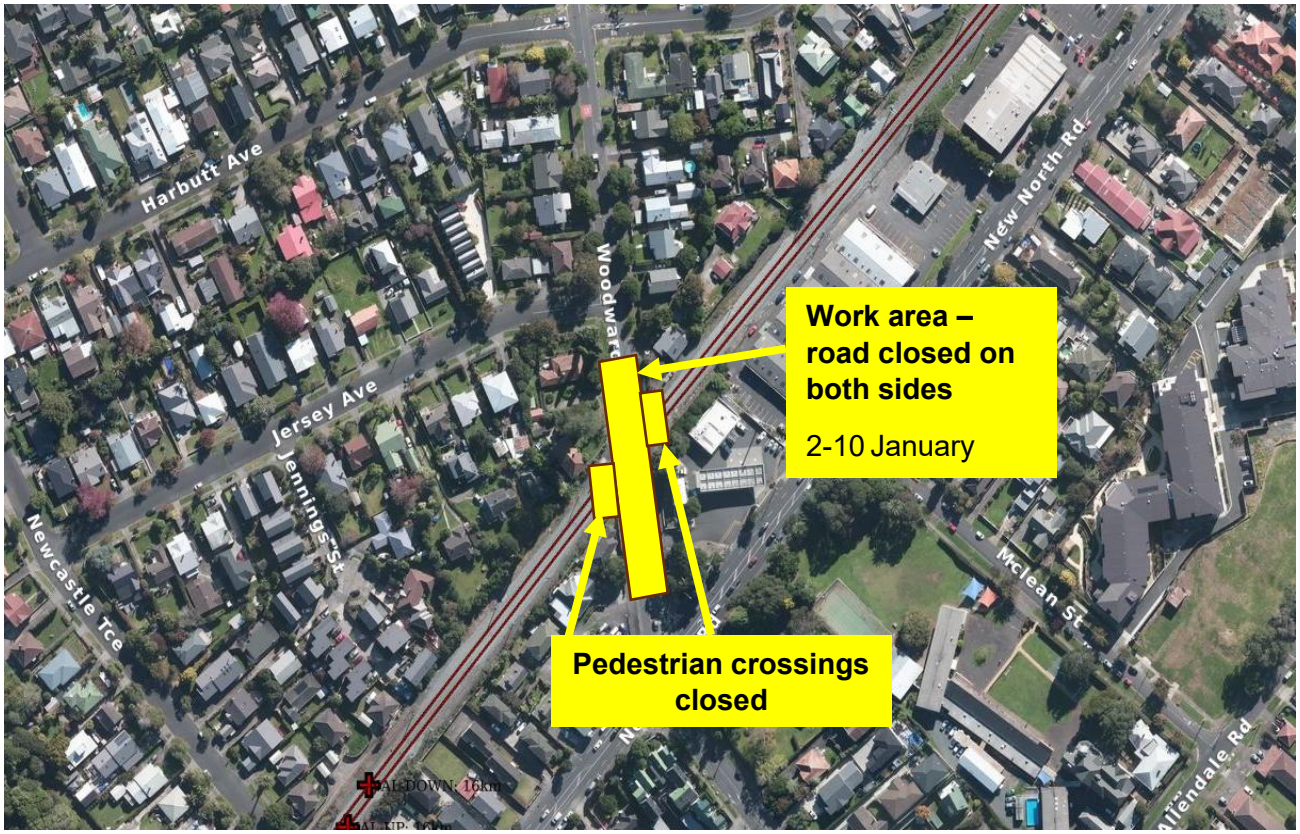
KiwiRail

24/7 rail works – what you can expect

We are undertaking rail renewals 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.

Woodward Road 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 Carrington Road and New North Road.

There will be an increase in rail vehicles and machinery at this location; traffic management will be in place. Please follow all signage, barriers and directions, keep out of the rail corridor, allow extra travel time and take care when in the area.



KiwiRail is progressively replacing 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 wooden sleepers will be replaced with more resilient rubber panels and concrete sleepers.

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