

# Summary of upcoming rail upgrades

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## Getting ready for City Rail Link

Before City Rail Link can open in 2026, there's a lot of work to do to be ready across the whole transport network.

This includes testing and integrate new CRL systems and a wide range of work to provide a great customer service.

The recent rail shutdown during the summer holiday period of 2024/25 allowed for significant progress toward the opening of the City Rail Link.

Our rail partners achieved more progress than planned in some areas during the four-week summer rail closure. More than 1,350 workers undertook upgrades and renewals at around 110 sites across the Auckland rail network, working 24/7 wherever possible to get more

done in a shorter period. Some of the achievements include:

- completion of a new pedestrian overbridge at Middlemore Station,
- completion of lift refurbishments at Swanson and Sylvia Park stations,
- slip prevention works at Orakei Station,
- continuation of upgrades at Henderson Station,
- a major achievement of these works was the completion of the newly electrified 19km of rail line between Papakura and Pukekohe. Electric passenger trains are now running all the way to the city centre with no need to change trains at Papakura,
- the closure of two pedestrian level crossings and a new accessible ramp means it is safer for people accessing Homai Station.

We have now entered the final stage of the Rail Network Rebuild (RNR) programme, the final push to get Auckland's rail network ready for City Rail Link

### **Upcoming planned rail closures**

The Rail Network Rebuild work programme for 2025 focuses on periods when fewer people are using the train. We will work hard to retain weekday peak services so that customers can rely on their weekday routines.

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### **Accessible public transport**

If you have a mobility device that is too big to bring on a rail replacement bus, you can book a free mobility taxi through AT's Contact Centre. You can book this service by calling 09 366 6400. It is recommended that customers book their mobility taxi a few days before travelling to ensure they can be accommodated at their desired time.

### **Travelling on public transport this ANZAC Day**

Auckland Transport will be offering free travel on rail replacement services, buses and some ferry services for veterans, Super Gold card holders and RSA members for travel to ANZAC dawn services.

This includes providing additional early morning bus and rail replacement bus services on ANZAC Day. Just show your Veteran's SuperGold or RSA membership card for uniformed and retired service personnel to your driver to access free public transport travel on ANZAC Day.

### **Upcoming planned rail closures**

Throughout this year, there will be shorter periods when trains will not run will occur over long weekends, including:

- King's Birthday weekend – 30 May to 2 June 2025
- Matariki Weekend – 20-23 June 2025
- Labour Weekend – 24-27 October 2025

We understand that changing services is frustrating, but sometimes, we must close the network for safety and to get work done more quickly.

For more information go to [Rail Network Rebuild](#)