

City Rail Link enabling works FAQs

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1. Why are enabling works needed?

There many other planned and proposed inner city developments by Auckland Council and private developers in the downtown area.

It's a sensible next step to progress the part of the CRL that will most affect everyone else's plans in the city. It is also important to have the design advanced so any consents can be identified and applied for. This will ensure the sequencing of city centre improvements is well planned over the next three years.

2. Where do the works in downtown start and finish?

The downtown section of the City Rail Link starts at Britomart through and under Queen, Customs and Albert Streets to the southern side of Wyndham Street.

3. When is construction likely to start and how long will it last?

Late next year. The final stage of design will start in early 2015 with a view to starting construction late in 2015, dependent on Auckland Council approval.

The enabling works programme will take about three years altogether but it will be it will affect different areas at different times.

4. What notice will be given prior to disruption in the downtown area?

A no surprises approach will be taken and the Community Liaison Group (CLG) will have input into the appropriate amount of notice to be given to people who live or work in the area. See question 11.

5. What are the hours of work?

Construction will be a 24/7 operation but working times will differ depending on the work. For example, noisy work may be best done during the day but work that requires disruption on the street is better carried out at night. Local residents and businesses will be informed of the hours prior to work starting. The Community Liaison Group will be consulted on this.

6. How noisy will it be?

Project standards for construction noise are set out in condition 31 of the CRL construction conditions. The general construction noise must be 75dB or lower – a conversation is usually between 60 and 70 dB. If higher noise levels are needed for a particular part of the construction then a site specific construction noise management plan is required.

The site specific plan will detail the timing and duration of the work producing higher noise levels. It will also show communication with the affected people and measures taken to mitigate the impact.

Where noise limits cannot be met, an alternative solution will be reached by consulting the affected people.

7. How will vehicle access be maintained on Albert Street?

There will be one traffic lane operating on either side of Albert Street at all times and pedestrian access will be provided. Streets crossing Albert Street may be closed, but the work will be staged so that only one intersection is closed at a time.

Access to all buildings will be maintained.

8. What will happen to buses that currently go along Albert Street?

Buses will be rerouted to avoid the construction zone with stops relocated. This will allow buses to keep running to timetable.

9. What will happen to the bus interchange in Lower Queen Street?

Buses will end their run before the construction site in Lower Queen Street. Options for where these buses will finish are still being considered.

Keeping buses away from the construction area will allow buses to keep to their schedules.

10. Will construction damage the surrounding buildings?

Construction methods have been chosen to prevent damage to the surrounding buildings.

Any damage that occurs, such as paint cracking, will be repaired. Building condition surveys on susceptible buildings will be carried out before construction so that any consequent damage can be identified.

11. How can I have a say?

A Community Liaison Group is being established for the work area. The first meeting will be in February 2015. The group has specific functions and will require the commitment of time to provide effective input into various project work and delivery plans. Visit the project website for details.

12. How can I get more information?

Please visit the City Rail Link website <https://at.govt.nz/projects-roadworks/city-rail-link/> email crlproject@aucklandtransport.govt.nz or ring (09) 355 3553. When a contractor is on board and before work starts, a 24/7 contact number will be provided.