



**in 2026**

# Auckland's new rapid transit network is coming

We're getting ready to transform  
Auckland's public transport network.  
City Rail Link is coming in 2026.

Your city —  
connected



City Rail Link will help transform public transport in Auckland. We'll have easier, more connected ways to travel with new direct train services linking to frequent bus routes across the city.

## New lines with new names

Current line name	New line name
Onehunga line	O-W Onehunga West line
Eastern line	E-W East West line
Western line	E-W East West line
Southern line	S-C South City line

**South City Line** trains will connect South Auckland with the city centre. In the city, trains will operate in a loop around the city in both directions via Grafton or Parnell throughout the day, before heading south again. Together with KiwiRail we are also adding three new southern stations on this line between Papakura and Pukekohe: Drury, Ngākōroa, and Paerātā.

**East West Line** trains will join existing stations on the Western Line with those on the Eastern line, providing a direct connection from Swanson to Manukau via the city centre. This means you can take one train from LynnMall to Sylvia Park for more shopping, hospitality and entertainment.

**Onehunga West Line** trains will continue to link Onehunga to the rail network. Trains will continue towards Henderson in the west – initially during off-peak times only.





## Transport that benefits everyone

City Rail Link will make it easier to get around, reduce travel times, improve access to the city centre and unlock direct journeys across Auckland. It will support development, employment, and increase opportunities for more houses to be built with convenient transport links.

### When CRL opens, you'll be able to:

Travel from Henderson Station to Te Waihorotiu Station in 35 minutes.\*

Get from Ōtāhuhu Station to Karangahape Road without needing to use a bus.

Get from Panmure to Pitt Street in 21 minutes.\*

Travel from west Auckland train stations to the Airport using only one train and one bus.

\*These are peak travel estimates using public transport.

Our new network will get you to places you want to go - faster and easier than before. During peak times there will be trains every 4 – 5 minutes in the city centre and busiest parts of the network.



## About the City Rail Link

City Rail Link consists of: Twin 3.45km rail tunnels deep below the Auckland city centre that will connect downtown at Waitematā Station, with a re-developed Maungawhau Station.

### Waitematā Station

Waitematā Station (previously Britomart) has been transformed from a dead end, into a two-way through station, which will allow more trains, more often across the network.

<b>Commercial Bay</b>	200m		
<b>Viaduct Harbour</b>	600m	  	
<b>Spark Arena</b>	900m	   	

Key transport connections include:



### Maungawhau Station

Maungawhau Station (previously Mt Eden Station) has been completely redeveloped to connect with the City Rail Link. Located in the Uptown Precinct close to local shops, hospitality and arts venues.

<b>Uptown Precinct</b>	300m		
<b>Dominion Road</b>	1.1km	 	
<b>Maungawhau</b>	1.4km		  

Key transport connections include:



## City Rail Link stations

The City Rail Link connects four stations. All four stations were gifted names by mana whenua.

### Te Waihorotiu Station

Entrances on Wellesley and Victoria Streets. Access to the heart of Auckland's arts, theatre and entertainment precinct.

<b>Sky Tower</b>	50m		
<b>Aotea Centre</b>	250m		
<b>Universities</b>	750m		<b>NX2</b> <b>75</b> 

Key transport connections include:



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### Karanga-a-Hape Station

Entrances on Beresford Square and Mercury Lane. Direct access to the Karangahape neighbourhood known for its diverse, creative and culinary precinct.

Karanga-a-Hape Station will also be a transfer point between trains and bus routes with stops on Karangahape Road and Pitt Street.

<b>Rainbow Bridge</b>	400m		
<b>Auckland Hospital</b>	1.0km		<b>INN</b> 
<b>Ponsonby</b>	1.4km		<b>INN</b> 

Key transport connections include:



## Our rapid transit network

City Rail Link is more than just tunnels and new stations – it means a change for Auckland's entire rapid transit network.

Rapid transit is a key component of our plan to expand Auckland's public transport network. Our rapid transit routes offer fast, reliable travel by train or bus on dedicated corridors separated from general traffic, connecting with ferries and local buses to get you where you need to go.

In Auckland, there are significant improvements being made across existing infrastructure including the Northern Busway, and the Eastern Busway. In 2027, the extension of the Eastern Busway to Botany will open, linking Botany to Pakūranga and trains at Panmure Station, improving access to the city centre and enabling more sustainable travel options.

Additional projects like the Airport to Botany Busway and Northwest Busway are improving links across southern, eastern, and western Auckland, with new bus stations and priority lanes designed to serve more places where people live and work.



## **Security and safety:**

Your safety is our priority. Everyone deserves to feel safe and respected when using public transport, and that includes you.

Whether you're on a bus, train or ferry, or waiting at a stop or station, we're committed to making your journey safe and comfortable.

There are a few different ways you can ask for help or report unsafe behaviours while travelling with us.

City Rail Link stations will have staff present on site during all opening hours, including customer service and maintenance staff, with transport officers, police, Māori wardens on public transport.

All trains, stations and platforms use CCTV monitoring and Emergency Help Points that will also connect you to control centre staff should you need assistance.

## **Fares & payment**

You can pay your fare on public transport using a dedicated AT HOP card, or your regular contactless credit or debit card.

You can buy a HOP card in store, at a vending machine or online.

Auckland has a \$50 weekly fare cap when using a HOP card – this means no matter how much you travel on buses, trains and inner harbour ferries, in a seven day period, the most you will pay is \$50.

**To find out more about the public transport fares visit [at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/fares-discounts](http://at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/fares-discounts)**



**To find out more about the City Rail Link and the changes to our network visit [at.govt.nz/crl](http://at.govt.nz/crl)**