

**Resource Management Act 1991
Auckland Council District Plan (Auckland City Central Area and Isthmus Sections)**

City Rail Link – construction, operation and maintenance.

Notices of Requirement for Designations (Proposed Plan Modifications PM68, 69, 70 and 71 to the Auckland Council District Plan: Auckland City Central Area Section, and Proposed Plan Modifications PM346, 347, 348 and 349 to the Auckland Council District Plan: Auckland City Isthmus Section).

Under the Resource Management Act 1991, Auckland Council has agreed to accept and publicly notify six notices of requirement from Auckland Transport for designations relating to the City Rail Link (CRL, or the project).

The Proposal

The six notices of requirement (the notices) seek to provide for the construction, operation and maintenance of the CRL, being a new 3.4km underground passenger railway running between the Britomart Station and the North Auckland Line (NAL) in the vicinity of the existing Mount Eden Station. The project includes two tracks that generally run through separate underground tunnels, three new underground rail stations along the alignment, and an additional 850m of track modifications to the NAL.

The depth of the tunnels and stations varies from just below ground level at the Britomart end of the alignment, to approximately 42m below ground level at the site of the new Newton Station.

Notices of Requirement

The notices have been separated into three different types, differentiating between the land required to undertake and / or protect the works authorised by each designation. Specifically, the following categories have been used:

- Surface designation, being the ground surface (including airspace above and land below to the centre of the earth);
- Strata designation, being the land layer starting 5 metres below the ground surface and above the sub-strata designation below, which will form a protection area within which no works associated with the construction, operation and maintenance of the CRL are proposed; and
- Sub-strata designation, being the land starting below the strata designation to the centre of the earth within which the two tunnels are to be located.

The land subject to the requirement includes:

Notice 1 – Surface designation, Britomart to Mayoral Drive (PM68 to the Central Area District Plan):

- Part of Queen Street (Lower Queen Street adjacent Britomart);
- Part of Galway and Tyler Streets (adjacent Britomart);
- Queen Elizabeth II Square;
- Private land occupied by the Downtown Shopping Centre;
- The road reserve of lower Albert Street and Albert Street, and parts of its intersecting streets (including Customs Street West, Mills Lane, Wolfe, Swanson,

Wyndham, Kingston, Durham, Victoria, and Wellesley Streets) and Mayoral Drive (to the vicinity of the Aotea Centre car parking entrance on Mayoral Drive);

- Part of the road reserve of Customs Street West, Victoria Street and Wellesley Street between Queen Street and Federal Street);
- Private land located on the northwest corner of Albert Street and Victoria Street;
- Private land located on the northeast corner of Albert Street and Wellesley Street;
- Auckland Council owned land on the southeast corner of Mayoral Drive and Wellesley Street.

Notice 2 – Sub-strata designation for the two tunnels, Mayoral Drive to New North Road (PM69 to the Central Area DP, PM346 to the Isthmus DP):

- Sub-strata land beneath Council owned land (road reserve) and private property in the vicinity of Mayoral Drive, Vincent Street, Pitt Street, Greys Avenue, Poynton Terrace, Beresford Square, Karangahape Road, Mercury Lane, Cross Street, Canada Street, the state highway network at the Central Motorway Junction, Upper Queen Street, St Benedicts Street, Symonds Street, Newton Road, Khyber Pass Road, Mt Eden Road and New North Road.

Notice 3 – Strata designation, Mayoral Drive to New North Road (PM70 to the Central Area DP, PM347 to the Isthmus DP):

- Strata land above the two tunnels (see Notice 2), being land beneath both road reserve and private property in the vicinity of Mayoral Drive, Vincent Street, Pitt Street, Mercury Lane, the state highway network at the Central Motorway Junction, Upper Queen Street, St Benedicts Street, Symonds Street, and New North Road.

Notice 4 – Surface and sub-strata designation, “Karangahape Station” (PM71 to the Central Area DP):

- Relates to land within and in the vicinity of Pitt Street, Beresford Street, Karangahape Road, and Mercury Lane to provide for the construction, operation and maintenance of a rail station (including associated ancillary activities).

Notice 5 – Surface and sub-strata designation, “Newton Station” (PM348 to the Isthmus DP):

- Relates to land within and in the vicinity of Symonds Street, Dundonald Street, and New North Road to provide for the construction, operation and maintenance of a rail station (including associated ancillary activities).

Notice 6 – Surface designation, generally relates to the area between New North Road, Mt Eden Road and Boston Road in the north, and the North Auckland Line in the south (between Normanby Road and Dominion Road) (PM349 to the Isthmus DP):

- Relates to that part of the CRL project generally between New North Road, Mt Eden Road and Boston Road in the north, and the NAL in the south. It also includes land located on the southern side and adjacent to the NAL between Normanby Road and Mt Eden Road and to the immediate east and west of Porters Avenue.

Purpose

The CRL project has been designed to help address the future passenger service capacity of Auckland's transport network. The CRL will contribute to achieving the following benefits:

- Provide for more train movements across the entire Auckland rail network.
- Increase commuter access to the city centre.
- Increase accessibility to help drive economic growth.
- Provide a catalyst for inner city redevelopment by creating new major transport hubs.
- Assist in meeting environmental and health objectives, notably air quality standards.
- Assist in reducing regional carbon emissions.
- Assist in building a more resilient regional infrastructure, an objective of the Auckland Plan.

A full description of the works is set out in the supporting documentation submitted with the notices of requirement.

Place to view the notice of requirement

The notices of requirement, plans showing the precise extent of the requirements, overview document and an assessment of environmental effects for the notice of requirement may be viewed free of charge at:

<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/districtregionalplans>

A full set of all application documentation including technical reports can be viewed during business hours at:

- Auckland Central Library, 46 Lorne Street, Auckland
- Auckland Council, Civic Building, Level 10 reception, 1 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central

The notices of requirement have been notified together, and will be processed as one application. You may however make a submission or submissions on any number or all of the notices.

Making a submission on the notices of requirement

Any person or organisation may make a submission on the notices of requirement. Submissions should be in writing. Forms are available at the above locations or as an electronic submission online at:

<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/districtregionalplans> (conditions apply, see this website).

You can send your submission(s) to Auckland Council:

- Post: Attention: Planning Technician, Business Support Central, Auckland Council, Private Bag 92300, Auckland 1142
- Online: <http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/districtregionalplans>
- Lodge your submission at Ground Floor reception Civic Building, 1 Greys Avenue, Auckland Central.

All submissions and submitter details are made available to the public.

Your submission must be in the format outlined in the Resource Management Act 1991 – Regulations, Form 21. You can print submission forms that follow this format from: www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/districtregionalplans or obtain them from the places listed above.

You must also serve a copy of your submission(s) to the requiring authority, which in this case is Auckland Transport, at the below address as soon as reasonably practicable after sending your submission(s) to Auckland Council.

Address for Service: Auckland Transport
6 Henderson Valley Road
Henderson
Private Bag 92250
Auckland

Attention: Deborah Godinet

Submissions close on Tuesday 19 March 2013.

Please phone Ross Cooper, Principal Planner, Central and Islands Planning Unit on direct dial (09) 307 7502 if you have any questions about the notices of requirement.

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