

Shaping the final designs

Community and stakeholder feedback is an important part of the decision-making process and will help shape the final designs. Our next steps are to consider what we've heard alongside insights from technical investigations and engineering requirements as we progress towards the final design.

September 2026

We'll share the decisions we've made, explaining how community feedback has been considered and outline what can be incorporated. If it can't be incorporated, we'll explain why.

Early to mid 2027

We'll share the preliminary bridge designs and seek further feedback to make sure we haven't missed anything important. We'll also provide more information about construction timing and how we'll manage disruption.

Te Mahia and Takaanini Station – easier and safer access opening soon!

Safer journeys are on the way, with new pedestrian bridges opening at Te Mahia Station on 24 August and Takaanini Station on 12 September, replacing two rail crossings and improving access for customers and local communities.

What happens when the bridges open?

- Access will be via stairs and lifts – temporary scaffold bridges will no longer be in use and will be removed.
- The Park & Ride used during construction at Takaanini Station will reopen.
- Access to the stations from Ferguson Street and Maru Road will reopen.

Free coffee to celebrate new pedestrian bridges!

To thank our customers and the community for their patience while the bridges were being built, we'll have a coffee cart at the station between 7am – 9am. Stop by and grab a hot drink before your journey:

Te Mahia Station

24 August, from 7am – 9am

Takaanini Station

14 September, from 7am – 9am



Find out more about these changes

Scan the QR code, or visit at.govt.nz search for 'Takaanini rail level crossings'

Takaanini Rail Crossings Programme



Keeping Takaanini Safe and Moving



Opening City Rail Link this year will mean more trains across the network, big cuts in journey times and it will be easier to connect with people and places.

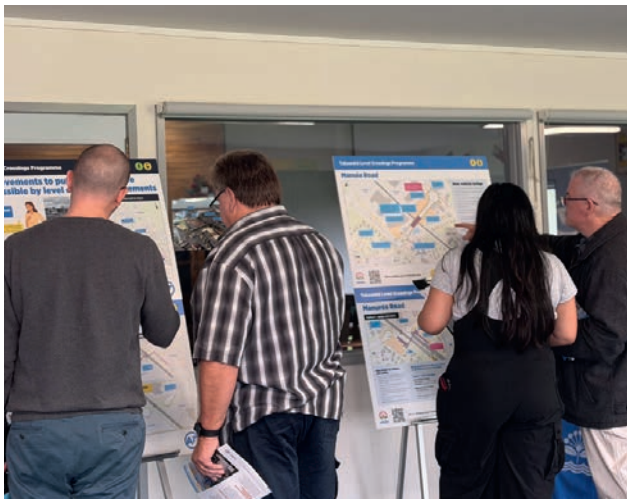
Replacing rail crossings with safer connections is a key part of making it happen and allows more trains to run in the future, while making it safer to get around your local area.

Preparing for construction next year

You might have started to see some of our team in the community while we carry out investigation works or start preparing vacant properties for demolition. We've not started construction yet, but these are key activities we need to do to help get us ready for when we start next year.

Engagement update

Throughout May and June this year, we were in the community listening to your feedback on the proposed designs and how we can keep things moving during construction.



How we engaged:



6-week
'Always-on' project display



31 stakeholder meetings
with partners,
stakeholders and
impacted properties



32 door knocks
impacted properties



25 events & pop-ups
450 face-to-face
conversations



Brand ambassadors at
train stations
3409 conversations
3297 flyers



220 face-to-face
interviews with
businesses



134 survey responses



AT Website &
media release



Reached 70,356
via social media



Translated resources
Te reo Māori, Samoan
& Punjabi



Flyers mailed out to
27,747 properties



67 letters to adjacent
properties

What matters most to the community

Feedback showed strong support for replacing rail crossings with bridges, with a focus on how the project is delivered, rather than whether it should proceed.

- **Safer, easier and better-connected journeys.** People want improved connections for all between home, shops, schools and public transport, with safe separation from heavy vehicles and large trucks, especially at busy intersections or at pedestrian crossings.
- **Address congestion, not add to it.** Congestion is already a significant issue in Takaanini and people want new bridges that improve traffic flow and minimise bottle-necks, especially at intersections.
- **Design for future growth.** The bridges should accommodate Takaanini's growing population and future transport demands.
- **Support local businesses and freight.** Easy access for customers, staff, deliveries and freight is important to support the local economy.
- **Enhance public safety.** Good lighting, CCTV, clear sightlines and well designed public spaces are important - especially under the bridges.
- **Reflect Takaanini's identity.** Bridge designs should celebrate local heritage, culture and community pride.
- **Create community benefits.** Land around the bridges should provide green spaces where people can gather and play, alongside natural features to support flood management and local biodiversity.
- **Minimise disruption during construction.** People want regular communication during construction and are willing to accept more short-term disruption if it means the bridges are built sooner.