Auckland Transport Getting Ready for CRL

Stakeholder Slide Deck As at May 2025



A game changer for Auckland



- Trains every 4-5 minutes in City Centre stations and busiest areas
- Fewer delays
- New direct connections
- Reduced journey times
- Urban improvements

Introduction

- Construction began 2016 open 2026
- One of the most transformational moments for the city ever
- Benefit all rail journeys not just in the city centre
- Uptake of PT, easing pressure on roads
- Already spurring development more to come

AT's role is to get ready to bring the CRL into our PT network, and provide the services that will use it. This requires a system wide change to bring the benefits to Aucklanders.

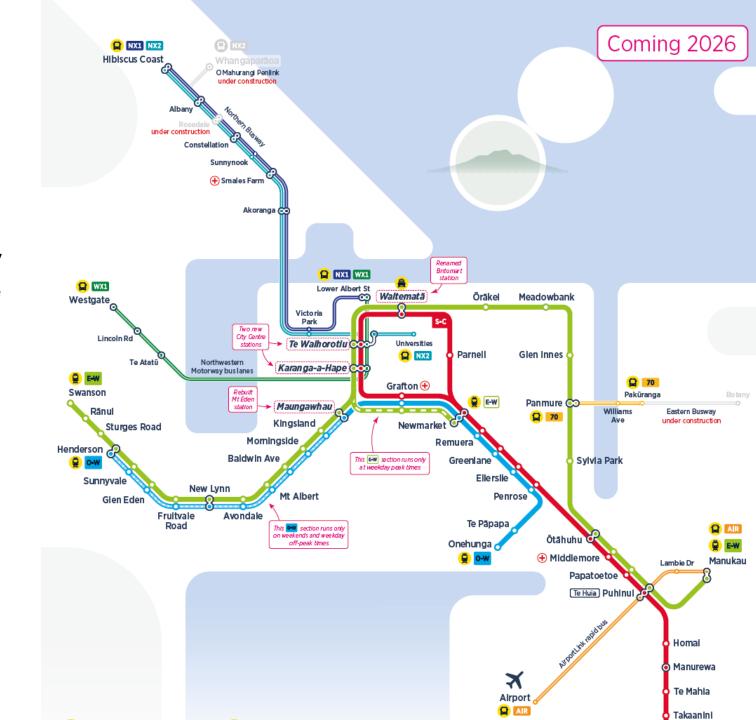
- 3.45km twin-tunnel underground rail
- Two new stations, plus two redeveloped stations
- Upgrades to the rail network, and to streets in station neighbourhoods





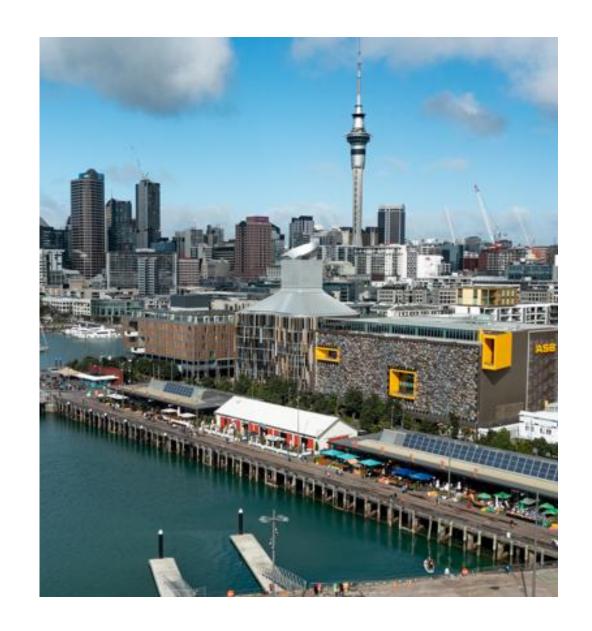
Improved journeys across Auckland

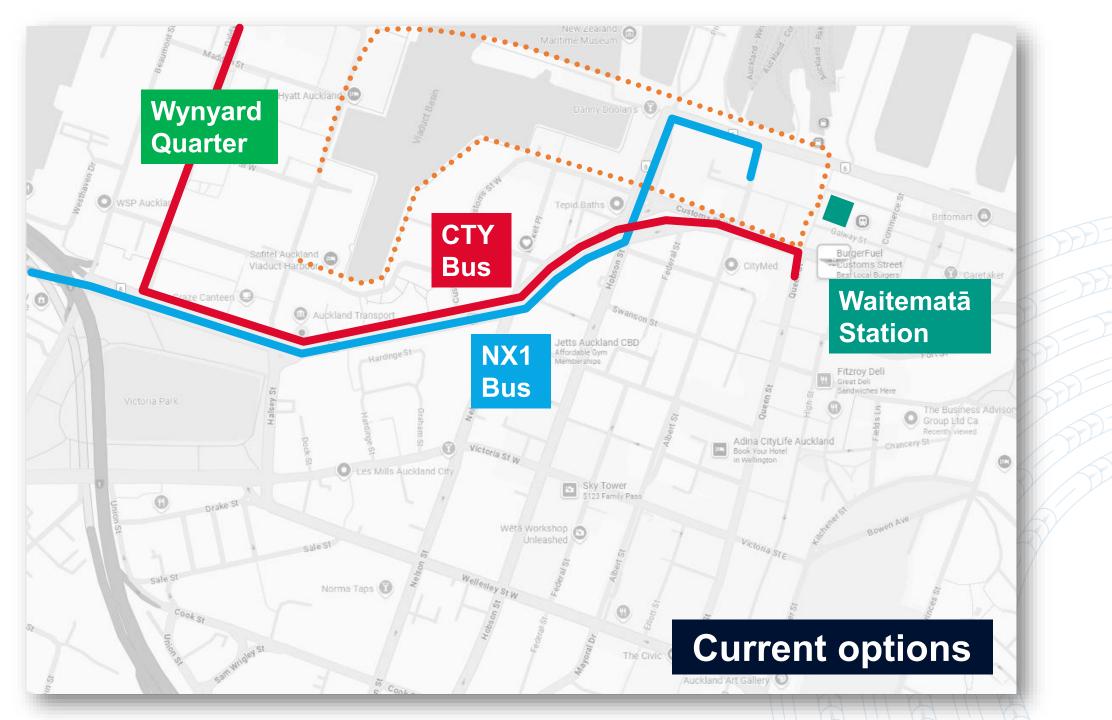
- CRL gives us new stations in the City Centre and a enables a rethink of the rail network.
- Eastern and Western Lines become connected via the CRL tunnels.
- Southern line forms a 'loop' through the central city (runs both directions)
- Services will run from Onehunga to the west. Initially full length of line is off-peak only.



Benefits to Wynyard Quarter

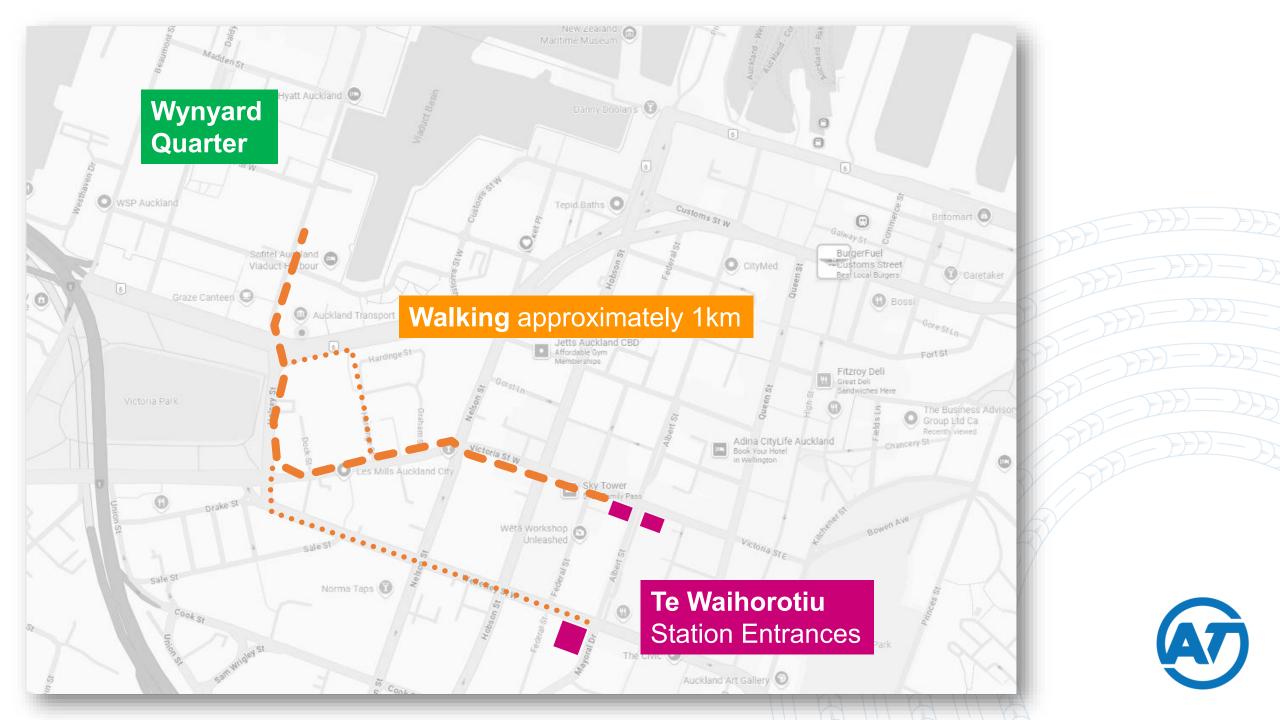
- More options for commuters and visitors, in addition to links with Waitematā Station (Wynyard to Station via walking, City Link Bus or other buses).
- Shorter PT journey times e.g. from West Auckland compared with today.
- Good links from Wynyard to Te Waihorotiu Station.

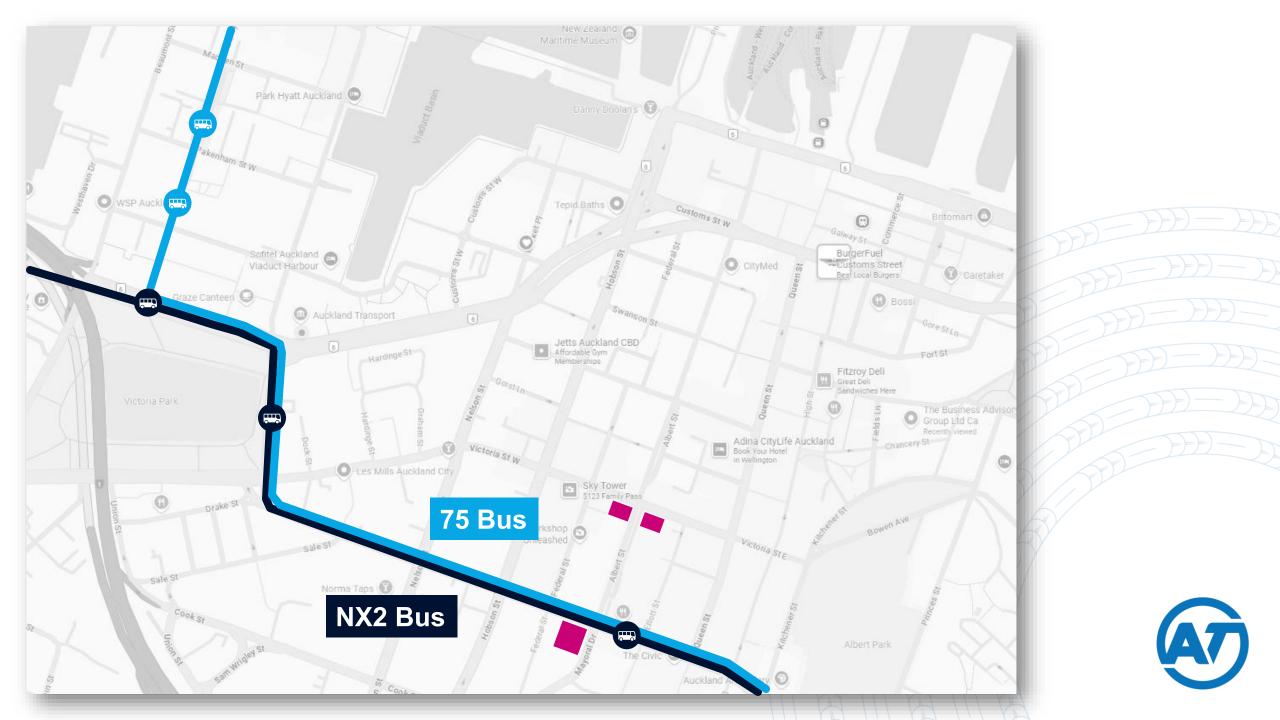












Getting Ready for CRL



City RailLink

- Delivers the CRL
 - Tunnels & Tracks
 - Stations
 - Immediate urban realm
- Tests and commissions
 ensure assets are ready to hand over.

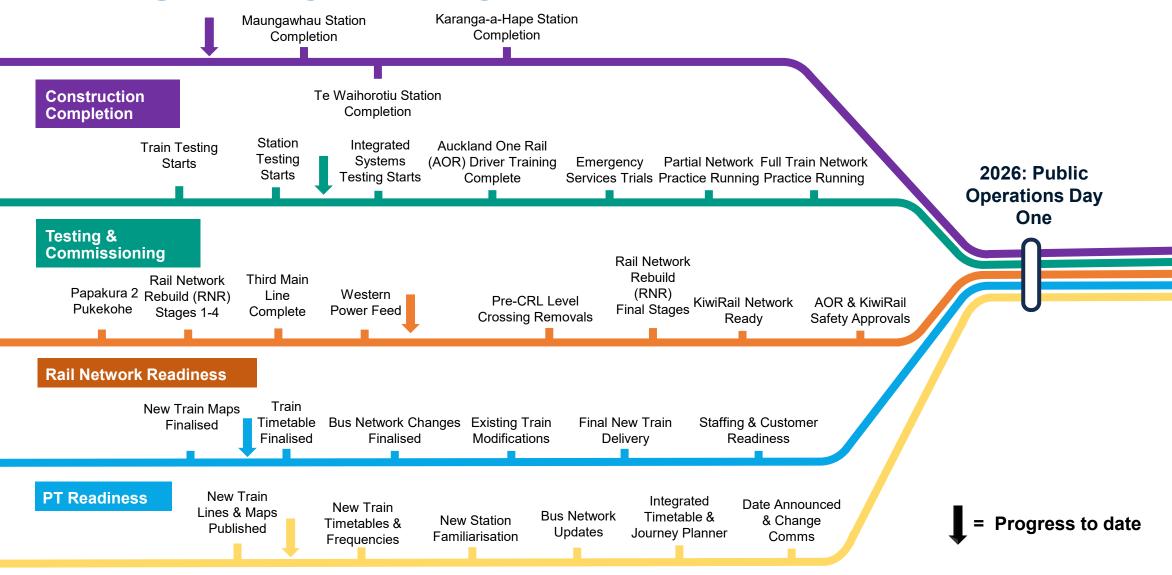


- Receive station assets at hand over
- Get ready to operate public transport services with rail franchise Operator and new maintainers
- Plan train services and integrated bus services
- Precinct interface projects and pre-CRL level crossing treatment projects

KiwiRail

- Receive track and tunnel assets at hand over
- Rail network readiness
 - Rail Network Rebuild
 - Rail network projects (e.g. Third Main)
- Get ready for new rail operating framework

Getting Ready for Day One of CRL



Customer Information

Scope of AT works

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

- Planning the detail of new train operations
- Delivery of 23 **new electric trains**
- Driver and staff recruitment and training
- Completing safety tests and approvals
- Changing bus services to better connect
- Coordinating precinct projects and completing wayfinding
- Orchestration of practice running for new services across the entire rail network
- Updating timetables, maps and signs
- Updating digital services e.g. journey planner.





Questions

