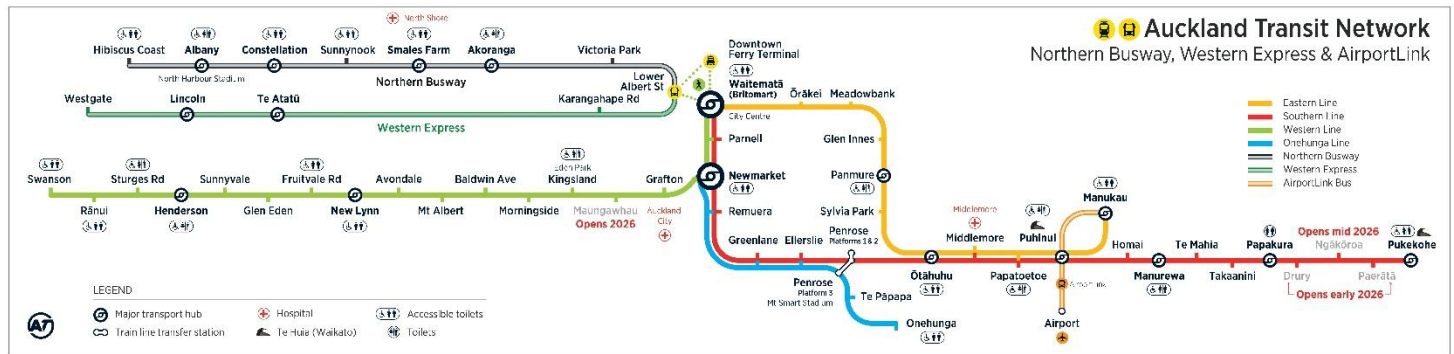


EVERYDAY BENEFITS OF CITY RAIL LINK

What the public transport step-change means for Aucklanders in the north, south, east and west

When CRL opens (13 September 2026) it will reshape how Auckland travels - cutting journey times, adding new stations, and connecting communities across every part of the region. Here's what it means for you, wherever you live.



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SOUTH

- **Direct rail into the city.** People who live in Papakura or near any station on the **South City (S-C) line** will have direct rail connections into the city, with two more stations in central Auckland - Te Waihorotiu Station and Karanga-a-Hape Station - opening up direct access to jobs, universities, restaurants, shops and theatres in the city centre.
- **Easy connections to the North Shore.** From Te Waihorotiu Station, with entrances and exits at Wellesley and Victoria Streets, there will be frequent buses to the North Shore. From Waitematā Station, buses and ferries to the North Shore are a short walk from the platforms.
- **New stations for a growing south.** Two new stations have opened on the **S-C line** between Papakura and Pukekohe - Drury Station and Paerātā Station - with a third, Ngākōroa Station, to be built in Drury West. Each station has a bus interchange right outside. 65,000 people are predicted to live in Drury by 2050 - more than the current population of Rotorua.
- **A new line for Onehunga.** Onehunga residents will have the **Onehunga West (O-W) line** on their doorstep once CRL opens on 13 September, taking them further west as far as Henderson during off-peak, or to the city centre via a quick transfer at Newmarket Station.

EAST

- **One train instead of many.** Before CRL, people travelling from the east to the west or south would have taken multiple trains. With CRL, people will travel from stations in the east to Eden Park or Manukau, for example, on a single train using the **East West (E-W) line**.
- **Faster journeys from 13 September.** Rail journeys from Panmure to Karangahape Road will take 21 minutes (14 minutes quicker); Ellerslie to Karangahape Road will take 17 minutes (19 minutes quicker); and Glen Innes to Te Waihorotiu will take 15 minutes (10 minutes quicker).

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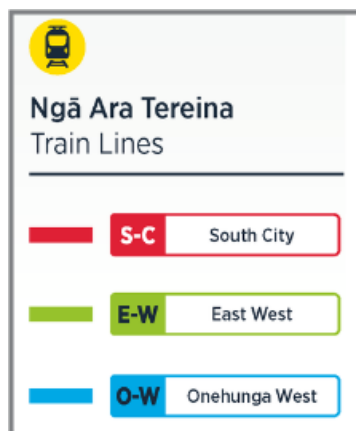
- **Quicker trips from day one.** From day one of CRL, the train journey from the west into the city will be quicker. The new CRL underground tunnels eliminate the need to go via Newmarket, creating a more direct trip and significantly reducing travel times.
- **Just 35 minutes to the city.** The journey will take just 35 minutes from Henderson Station to Te Waihorotiu Station - getting to and from work in the city centre, or into the midtown arts quarter in the evenings, on a single train via the **East West (E-W) line**.
- **Later services, more freedom.** Operating until around 11pm seven days a week (every 30 minutes after 9pm), and a little later on Friday and Saturday nights, people will have the freedom to see a show in the city centre by train - without needing to think about parking, taxis or train changes.

NORTH

- **A proven busway.** The Northern Busway is an example of good investment in public transport infrastructure - easy to use, quick, cost-effective, frequent, and well-used.
- **Seamless transfers downtown.** People arriving downtown - at the Albert Street bus interchange - on the **NX1**, or by ferry, will simply walk through Te Komititanga, downtown's central square, and step onto a train at Waitematā Station.
- **A rail system built around bus transfers.** Other North Shore buses, such as the **NX2**, will arrive at the Wellesley Street bus interchange, which sits at the heart of the CRL rail system, with quick and easy transfers to the rail network via Te Waihorotiu Station.

NEW TRAIN LINES

- The Onehunga Line will become the **Onehunga West Line (O-W)**. Read more on the O-W line [here](#)
- The Eastern Line will become part of the **East West Line (E-W)**. Read more on the E-W line [here](#)
- The Western Line will become part of the **East West Line (E-W)**. Read more on the E-W line [here](#)
- The Southern Line will become the **South City Line (S-C)**. Read more on the S-C line [here](#)



* The times above are peak travel estimates using public transport.