



Factsheet

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City Rail Link

Unlocking the opportunity for Auckland to build a modern rapid transit system

The City Rail Link (CRL) is a project that will shape the city's future, unlocking the opportunity for Auckland to build a modern rapid transit system to support economic and population growth. It is an evolutionary project to help Auckland become a globally competitive city.

- Proposed City Rail Link
- Existing Rail Network

The CRL will extend the passenger rail system underground past Britomart to connect with the western line at Mt Eden via twin 3.5km tunnels and up to 45 metres below central city streets.

At this stage, there is potential for up to three new stations (see map) – near the Aotea Centre, Karangahape Rd and Newton.

Britomart will no longer be a dead-end terminus. Changing it to a through station will create a rapid transit system radiating from downtown Auckland that will boost central city activity and quality of life.

It is estimated the CRL will take five and a half years to build at a cost of \$2.4 billion. The route and station locations will avoid private property and city heritage buildings as much as possible.

The draft Auckland Plan provides for the project to be completed by



2020/21. While discussions on funding and other essential steps (such as design and procurement method) are continuing, both central government and Auckland Council have agreed that

it is sensible to protect a route now to enable future construction. Auckland Transport is working toward confirming the route for planning protection.

Growing our economy

Auckland is New Zealand's commercial capital; home to over 60% of the country's top 200 companies and contributes more to GDP (36%) than its population share (33%). Its productivity is 30-50% higher than other regions and the city centre is 150% more productive than any other in NZ.

The most productive activities are business and financial services and their productivity increases when employment density increases and there is access to more skilled labour. Making the city centre more accessible with the CRL will drive economic performance and create changes in land use and value, development opportunities, particularly around stations, and intensification.

A stronger, thriving Auckland means a stronger, wealthier New Zealand. Making the central business district more accessible will help attract a greater concentration of higher-paying city centre jobs. This will fuel increased innovation and wealth creation, leading to increased government revenue from taxes on income, company profits and goods and services.



Improving journeys

Transport is a critical shaper and enabler of Auckland's future. The CRL will allow train services to Britomart to double from their current peak capacity enabling increased development, business and social activity within the central city and the immediate precincts of Auckland's satellite railway stations.

At present, trains coming into the city can go only as far as Britomart and then have to return the same way. Trains coming from the west have to go east to Newmarket before they can get to the city centre. This limits rail services and adds time to journeys. Britomart was designed to be extended and the time has now arrived to progress this intention.

With the CRL, a journey from New Lynn to the Aotea Station will take less than half the time and from Manukau to Karangahape Road, the journey will be a third shorter.

Auckland's population of 1.4 million is expected to reach 2.3 million by 2050. Keeping Auckland moving in the face of this growth is a major challenge. City centre bus services will reach capacity in the next few years.

The CRL will provide a rapid transit system option that is unaffected by road congestion.

More accessible and reliable train services will reduce buses on city streets making it easier for people from areas like the North Shore to get into the city via the busway and more frequent connections beyond the city.

With electrification, passenger trains in Auckland are projected to carry about 20 to 25 million people a year. With the CRL in place, that's expected to double. The CRL will help maximise the benefits of existing and proposed transport investment including electrification and new trains.



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