

# New train stations for Drury and Paerata

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## We're getting started on making travel safer and easier

New train stations supported by park and ride facilities, bus connections and walking and cycling paths will make it easier for southern Auckland residents to travel by public transport.

Planning for the new stations around Drury Central, Drury West and Paerata is underway so that transport infrastructure is in place to support the extensive development being planned for southern Auckland over the next 30 years. The Drury – Ōpāheke structure plan will create new town centres and housing for a population of about 60,000. The new stations will support urban growth and give people more sustainable travel choices.

Te Tūpu Ngātahi Supporting Growth, a collaboration between Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, is working with KiwiRail to investigate and protect the land needed for the new stations, supporting facilities and future rail upgrades. In addition, KiwiRail has started work to electrify the line between Papakura and Pukekohe.

## Supporting growth in southern Auckland

The Government's New Zealand Upgrade Programme announced in January 2020 included funding for KiwiRail and Waka Kotahi to deliver a suite of major transport improvements (\$2.395 billion) in southern Auckland.



This includes new train stations, the extension of the electrified rail network from Papakura to Pukekohe and upgrading Mill Road to create a new connection from Manukau to Drury South. They are part of a longer-term transport network being delivered by the Government to support the future development in and around Drury over the next 10-30 years. These transport projects will work together as southern Auckland grows.

KiwiRail is working closely with Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi in preparation for the design and delivery of the new stations.

## What we heard from you

During May and June 2020 we asked for your feedback across a range of transport projects in southern Auckland. We wanted to know how you'd prefer to travel to each station and the type of facilities you wanted. We heard these key themes:

- Support for new train stations and upgrades to the passenger rail network.
- Creating other public transport options to access the rail network for commuting to / from work was also important.
- Lots of people said they want to see the rail network better connected to growth areas, and wanted to know when the new train stations, additional rail tracks and rail electrification to Pukekohe will be completed.
- Many people requested park and ride facilities at all stations and asked about car park capacity.

- We heard that you'd like to access the new stations by all types of transport – bus, foot, bicycle, scooter, and car, with park and ride and pick-up and drop-off facilities.
- You also told us about your preferences to travel to each station, including by car and bus to Drury Central station and by car, walking and cycling to Drury West and Paerata stations.

This feedback will help us shape our detailed designs for the new stations.

## Next steps for new train stations

During the next few months, we will carry out site investigations to understand the environment in and around the intended locations for the new stations and talk to the community, local property owners and developers to better understand and align plans and expectations.

In early to mid-2021, we will begin the formal planning and consenting process to establish the stations and associated support facilities.

## Indicative timeline for new train stations



## Keeping you informed

We are planning further engagement with the community and landowners in early 2021 to share information about the intended train station locations and supporting facilities.

Your comments and suggestions will help inform the ongoing design of the stations. We'll continue to engage with landowners and the wider community as the project progresses.

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## Papakura to Pukekohe electrification is underway

Work is already underway on the extension of electrification from Papakura to Pukekohe. The project includes the redevelopment of Pukekohe Station, and will be future proofed to allow for future stations and additional tracks.

KiwiRail and its contractors are currently developing the design for the new traction system, associated track and station works and signaling.

Consenting for the project is being processed under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 to enable

physical works to start on the project as soon as possible.

Main construction is expected to begin mid-2021. Some permitted enabling works are already underway - including vegetation clearance along the corridor, and geotechnical testing to understand ground conditions for the installation of access tracks and traction masts and there will be works around the line over the Christmas break.

Further community updates about the Papakura to Pukekohe electrification project will be provided early in 2021.