

Auckland block of line calendar for freight 2025

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Through the final stages of the Rail Network Rebuild (RNR) we are delivering critical rail network upgrades before City Rail Link opens in 2026. The rebuild involves removing the existing tracks and digging down up to a metre to replace the aging rock foundations under the tracks, replacing ballast and upgrading drainage to improve the rail corridor's resilience to flooding.

King's Birthday

Note: This block of line is 4 days long.

Upper North Island

- Friday 30 May 07:00am – Monday 2 June 6:00pm.
 - Full Auckland network closure, no shunting capabilities.
 - All services cancelled to Hamilton except for Mission Bush Services
 - Northland closed

Lower North Island

- Saturday 06:00am – Tuesday 3 June 04:00am Closed Waikanae to Wellington
 - All Services cancelled Palmerston North to Wellington
- Saturday 06:00am – Tuesday 3 June 04:00am Closed Masterton to Wellington
 - All services cancelled Masterton to Wellington

Matariki

Upper North Island

North Auckland and Auckland Area

- Friday 20 June 07:00am – Monday 23 June 4:00pm.
- Full Auckland network closure, no shunting capabilities.
- All services cancelled Hamilton North except for the Mission Bush services
- Northland closed

East Coast Main Trunk ECMT (Hamilton to Tauranga)

- Friday 20 June 06:00am – Sunday 22 June 6:00pm Closed Te Puke – Pongakawa

Lower North Island

- Friday 20 June 11:30am – 04:00am Monday 23 June Wellington – Paekākāriki
 - All services cancelled Palmerston North – Wellington

Impacts on freight - King's Birthday

The most significant impacts on freight are the extra day of closure for the blocks of line over the King's Birthday and Matariki weekends. The blocks of line are four days in total, which will mean some Domestic customers will not be able to load freight out on the Fridays. The entire network is closed in Auckland, so from Friday morning there will not be any shunting capabilities over the long weekend.

For King's birthday, the final service out of Auckland will be service 225 on the morning of Friday 30 May. The last train into Auckland will be service 234, which departs Wellington, early on Thursday morning.

Service 217 on Thursday and service 225 on Friday travel on normal schedules and reach Christchurch at usual times.

Service 712 from Christchurch on Wednesday will still get into Auckland on normal connections, as well as service 736 on Wednesday. However we will not have access to place sidings until Monday night.

Any freight on service 712 or 736 on Thursday will be delayed into the following week, arriving Monday night (service 712), and Tuesday night (service 736). Any freight travelling on Friday's services will arrive on Wednesday night or Thursday morning.

The first service back after King's Birthday weekend will be service 217 leaving Auckland on Monday evening. The first service into Auckland will be a special service, arriving on Monday night after the block of line has cleared, with freight from service 712 on Thursday.

Impacts on freight - Matariki weekend

The Matariki weekend block of line plan is yet to be finalised, however at this stage the parameters look similar. We will update you when more information becomes available, alternatively for more details specific to your business please contact your key account executive or our Customer Delivery teams.

Rail upgrades for rest of 2025

June/July - 28 June to 12 July

Upper North Island

- Auckland to Hamilton
- Saturday 28 June 06:00am – Saturday 12 July 6:00pm Closed Paerata to Wiri
 - All services cancelled Auckland to Hamilton except for Mission Bush. Auckland Domestic Sidings, Coca-Cola, Wiri and Auckland Port OPEN.
 - Northland is OPEN.

September/October – 20 September to 4 October

Upper North Island

- North Auckland and Auckland to Hamilton
- Saturday 20 September 06:00am to Saturday 4 October 6:00pm Closed Paerata to Wiri.
 - All services cancelled Auckland to Hamilton. Mission Bush open Hamilton. Auckland Domestic Sidings, COKE, WIRI, and AKPRT open
 - Note Northland is OPEN.

Labour Weekend

Upper North Island

- Friday 24 October 05:00am – Monday 27 October 6:00pm. Full Auckland network closure, no shunting capabilities.
 - All services cancelled Hamilton. No access to Mission Bush

Christmas 2025

Post the Block of Line last Christmas 2024, and the impact to both customers and our teams due to the length of the block, we have been working with our infrastructure teams to review the plan for Christmas 2025. It is highly dependent on the progress of the work programme leading up to this period, but we are doing all we can to try and reduce the length of the Christmas block. We will update you as soon as more information becomes available.