



Notification of City Rail Link utility investigations in your area

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Dear neighbour,

We are writing to notify you of upcoming utility investigation works in Beresford Square, Pitt Street and Mercury Lane in August and September as part of the City Rail Link (CRL) project.

These investigations will allow us to determine the exact location of existing underground utility services to help us safely design their relocation ahead of the CRL's Karangahape Station construction.

The investigations will be undertaken by utility services contractor Stockmans on behalf of the Link Alliance. The Link Alliance is a consortium of companies selected to deliver the CRL's main stations and tunnels.

What's going to happen?

There are 10 utility investigations required, seven in Beresford Square where the Karangahape Station's second entrance will be built, two in Mercury Lane near the intersection of Cross Street (the location of the main entrance to the future station) and one outside 51 Pitt Street.

The work will involve creating a trench across the footpath and onto the road, cutting into the concrete, removing the surface layers of ground material and excavating to carefully reveal the utilities laying underneath. Each trench will be about six metres long by 300mm wide by 1.5 metres deep. The utility services will then be surveyed and the trench back-filled and compacted.

The plant and equipment used on site will include a concrete saw, small excavator, hydro-excavation truck and a six-wheeler truck.

When will this work happen?

The first investigation is planned on the footpath outside Barretta Espresso Café in Beresford Square on the weekend of 3-4 August. The remaining investigations are likely to start two or three weeks later and we'll be back in touch shortly to confirm the dates for these.

Stockmans expects to take one to two days at each trench location. The hours of work will be 7am to 7pm.

How will this affect me?

Aspects of the work, such as concrete-cutting, hydro-excitation and compacting, will create some noise and vibration. Noise mats will be used around the trenches to help reduce noise nuisance.

These works will not affect property access. However, some pedestrian diversions will be required around the trench sites and some on-street parking will be temporarily unavailable during the works.

When works are being undertaken on the Barretta Café/Karangahape Business Association side of Beresford Square, we will need to temporarily close the exit to Pitt Street at the end of the square to vehicles and remove about seven carparking spaces on that side.

However, when work is being undertaken on the (Samoa House) side of Beresford Square, the road will remain open and parking will still be available on the Barretta Café side. About five parks are likely to be unavailable on the Samoa House side while works are underway on that side of the square.

For safety reasons, the two Mercury Lane investigations will involve a partial road closure, as the trenches will be slightly longer and extend into the road. However, vehicle access will be maintained, including in to and out of Cross Street. About four on-street parks will be temporarily removed from the western side of Mercury Lane while the work takes place.

During the Pitt Street investigation, about seven on-street parking spaces will be temporarily unavailable.

We are hoping to do a mix of weekend and weekday investigations to enable us to complete them as quickly as possible while not inconveniencing local businesses and residents any more than is necessary. We will work with business owners to try to find the most suitable days to undertake the works outside their premises.



What other City Rail Link works are coming up this year?

After the utility investigations are complete and before we can start work on building the station, we need to relocate all the utility services that are currently sitting within the station's underground footprint. These works are currently scheduled to start in October this year and will take place in Beresford Square, Pitt Street and Mercury Lane.

The Link Alliance is currently reviewing the design of its underground station structures to see if it can reduce the number of utility relocations required to minimise the impact of these disruptive works on the local community. We will come back to you with more details about relocations once our plans are finalised.

In September, before we do the relocation works, we will remove the trees and public toilet located outside the old Station Bar in Beresford Square. This will be followed in October by the permanent closure of Beresford Square (between Samoa House Lane and Pitt Street) to vehicles. This will enable us to undertake the relocations more quickly and safely.

The square will remain open to pedestrians and cyclists. Beresford Square will eventually house the second entrance to Karangahape Station and will be re-designed as a great public space - but until then, we encourage the K Road community and our own workers to continue supporting local businesses during construction.

Before the end of the year, we will start demolishing a number of vacant buildings at the bottom of Mercury Lane and East Street so we can start station construction in 2020.

Where can I go for more information?

If you have any questions or concerns about these works, please email us at info@cityrailink.govt.nz or phone 0800 CRL TALK and press option 4 for Karangahape Station works.

Information and updates are also available online at www.CityRailLink.co.nz - including a page dedicated to Karangahape Station works www.cityrailink.co.nz/karangahape-station-works. You can also follow the CRL project on social media with Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn.

Watch out for a new project e-newsletter for the Karangahape area, which will be launching shortly, and the opening of a new temporary CRL information centre in the old Station Bar building in Beresford Square at the end of this month.

Did you know that the CRL project has a Karangahape Community Liaison Group (CLG)? If you're interested in representing your community on this group, please visit www.cityrailink.co.nz/crl-community-groups for more information and to submit an online application.