

Update on City Rail Link utility investigations in your area

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Dear neighbour,

We refer to our previous notification on upcoming City Rail Link utility investigations in Beresford Square, Pitt Street and Mercury Lane.

Following the first investigation outside Barretta Café on 4-5 August, we now confirm the two remaining investigations required on the northern side of Beresford Square.

These will take place on the following weekends:

- **24 August – 25 August**
- **31 August – 1 September**



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?

While these next two investigations are planned across the weekends of **24-25 August** and **31 August-1 September**, they may need to be rescheduled due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. If investigations are not able to be completed on either of the above dates, we may have to come back on the weekend of 6-7 September.

We will get back in touch with you as soon possible if the scheduled utility investigations need to be postponed for any reason.

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

As soon as we have finalised arrangements for the additional utility investigations on the opposite side of Beresford Square, and on Pitt Street and Mercury Lane, we will let you know the dates as far in advance as possible.

How will this affect me?

Aspects of the work, such as concrete-cutting, hydro-excavation 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.

For safety reasons, a partial road closure is required for the Beresford Square investigation on 24-25 August. This means vehicles will not be able to access Pitt Street from Beresford Square.

When the two Mercury Lane investigations are undertaken (probably in September) this will also involve a partial road closure, as the trenches will be slightly longer and extend into the road. However, vehicle access will be maintained, including the Cross Street exit into Mercury Lane. 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.

What other CRL works are coming up in the Karangahape area 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.

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. The relocation works are expected to start later this year and we will come back to you with more details once our plans are finalised.

When we do the relocation works we will permanently close Beresford Square (between Samoa House Lane and Pitt Street) to vehicles. 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 karangahape@linkalliance.co.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.cityraillink.co.nz/karangahape-station-works. You can also follow the CRL project on social media with Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn.

We've also opened our new Karangahape Info Hub in the old Station Bar on Beresford Square!