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New rail bridge over Whau Creek

Trains will travel over the Whau Creek on a new bridge from mid-September. Built from a platform running parallel to the existing structure, it is the first of two new bridges. Construction on the second bridge will start straight away - it will probably be connected to the network when the New Lynn rail trench comes into use in mid 2010.



Newmarket station sod turning

Minister of Transport Annette King was on hand to mark the next stage of works in redeveloping Newmarket station and junction in Auckland. Following a very busy few months last summer to build two temporary stations, complete the first stage of the track re-arrangements, and remove the old station buildings from the site, work is now underway on the new station building itself.

The Minister (*pictured right*) officially 'turned the first sod' at a function held in late August by ARTA to celebrate its new station building. Hawkins Construction has won the contract for building both the remaining new tracks and platforms and the new station building. It is expected that the new track and station will be commissioned early in 2010.



Western line works advancing

Work to duplicate the single track between Avondale and New Lynn will start to intensify from October.

This section, along with Newmarket to Boston Rd, are the last remaining single track sections on Auckland's network. They should be fully duplicated by mid 2010 removing this bottleneck will increase the reliability of services on the network.

Find out more on Avondale and New Lynn redevelopments

By coming along to our open days:

Avondale rail redevelopment

Saturday 6 September

10.00am - 2.30pm

Deaf Association Hall, 1836 New North Rd

New Lynn rail redevelopment

Saturday 20 September

10.00am - 3.00pm

New Lynn Community Centre, 45 Totara Ave



Working on Onehunga crossings

The first couple of kms of Onehunga branch line track will soon be ready for freight use as two level crossings - Maurice Rd and Mays Rd - were renewed in August. The remaining level crossings will be progressively worked on over the next few months.



Maurice Road level crossing works

Preparation for electrification continues

ONTRACK's electrification team is planning the overhead lines and power supply system. Where possible, on-going redevelopment work is being done with future electrification in mind e.g. tracks are being lowered to give suitable clearance for the wires. Replacement of the busy Khyber Pass and Park Rds over-bridges will start soon. Work is underway to prepare the roads for the changes needed to allow construction - this includes a reduction in one lane on each bridge to allow it to be re-built. Works in this area will prepare second track to run through the narrow pass.

Pohutukawas right at home

ONTRACK re-located six Pohutukawa trees to New Lynn's Olympic Park. The trees, planted on rail land in the 1980s, were moved at night due to their size.



Pohutukawas were moved at night



The six transplanted Pohutukawas at Olympic Park

Specific project updates

Newmarket and New Lynn

The rail redevelopment of Newmarket and New Lynn are very big individual projects. As such we issue regular project updates specifically on these.

If you would like to receive these electronically, email info@projectdart.org.nz, stating which one(s) you'd like to get and we'll add you to the list.

