



The GoldLinQ construction program

Construction of Stage One of Queensland's first light rail system has now commenced.

In June 2011 GoldLinQ was awarded the contract to design, build and operate Stage One of the light rail system. In partnership with the State Government and Gold Coast City Council, GoldLinQ will deliver a \$1 billion world-class public transport system for the Gold Coast that is scheduled to commence operations in 2014.



Early work begins on the Nerang River light rail bridge.

McConnell Dowell (MacDow) and **Bombardier Transport** (BT) Joint Venture are the design construct and delivery arm of the GoldLinQ consortium. MacDow will design and deliver the track works, roadworks, bridges, station structures and buildings. BT will deliver the rail systems including design and installation, and bring into service the rail systems, rail power and light rail vehicles.

As guests in your community, GoldLinQ would like to get to know you and integrate with local businesses, community groups, schools and community members to find the best ways to work together in delivering what will be a world-class transit system for the Gold Coast.

Construction timeframes

As with any project of this size and scale, there will be impacts and some disruption to the community. To minimise these as much as possible, in the early tender stages, GoldLinQ and the Queensland Government met with key stakeholders to understand what was important to the local area. One outcome was that the construction program accommodates key major events in the Gold Coast city calendar by limiting or halting work where the event is occurring for that period of time.

As design is finalised, the program will become more robust and greater detail will be provided to specific communities and businesses ahead of construction

starting in that area. GoldLinQ will start major works in early 2012.

Prior to construction starting activities such as seeking appropriate approvals from government departments, traffic management control plans and liaison with the community will be undertaken.

In the Southport precinct, works will start in the Gold Coast City Council Depot, fit out of the underground station at the Gold Coast University Hospital and vegetation clearing and installing concrete piles in preparation for the Smith Street rail overpass (viaduct).

In the Surfers Paradise precinct, works will include the relocation of utilities, clearing and construction of retaining walls along the Nerang River, preparatory works for the Nerang River Bridge crossing and preparation of a site office.

In the Broadbeach precinct, clearing will begin in preparation for the Broadbeach station interchange south of Hooker Boulevard, and construction of retaining walls.

Some early works are already occurring. These include geotechnical survey, noise monitoring and construction of the site office at the Gold Coast City Council Depot.

If you are to be directly affected by these works, the GoldLinQ community engagement team will be in touch with you prior to the works commencing.

The construction schedule



1st half 2012

- Foundations for depot
- Foundations for Smith St viaduct
- Fit out of Gold Coast University Hospital Station
- Service relocations in Scarborough St, Nerang St and Surfers Paradise Bld
- Site establishment and retaining walls to Broadbeach South Station
- Construction of Nerang River Light Rail Bridge
- Construction of the Southport Station
- Demolition of vacated buildings



2nd half 2012

- Structural work to depot and sidings
- Fit out of Gold Coast University Hospital Station
- Construction of Smith St viaduct
- Track laying to Queen St/Nerang St
- Service relocation continues
- Retaining walls in Gold Coast Highway north
- Track laying in Broadbeach along Gold Coast Highway

Stage One is the 13-kilometre light rail corridor connecting Griffith University to Broadbeach, passing through the key activity centres of Southport and Surfers Paradise. You can keep up-to-date with the progress of the light rail works through the website at www.goldlinq.com.au or call the project hotline on 1800 967 377* and select the GoldLinQ option. Email us at information@goldlinq.com.au * Free call within Australia. Call charges may apply from mobile phones.

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