About GoldLinQ

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 Gold Coast 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. The GoldLinQ consortium consists of McConnell Dowell Constructors (Aust) Pty Ltd (MacDow), Bombardier Transportation Australia Pty Ltd and KDR Gold Coast Pty Ltd. Collectively the companies have decades of experience delivering and operating rail projects across Australia and around the world.

Consisting of 14 trams and 16 stations, the light rail system will service a 13-kilometre route between the Gold Coast University Hospital and Broadbeach; this is considered to be part of one of the fastest growing regions in Australia.

Patronage numbers are expected to grow to 50,000 passengers per day and GoldLinQ has in-built capacity to cater for up to 75,000 passengers per day. As locals and visitors adopt this reliable and environmentally friendly form of public transport, GoldLinQ is well placed to meet future demands on the service.

Construction will commence in early 2012 on the light rail corridor including road widening and service relocations. Construction labour and subcontractors will be drawn largely from the Gold Coast and surrounding region. GoldLinQ is committed to environmental protection and ensuring our impact on the environment remains as low and as beneficial as possible.
About The GoldLinQ Consortium

Design and Construction Contractors

McConnell Dowell Constructors (Aust) Pty Ltd (MacDow) is an established engineering and construction organisation servicing the transport, utilities and social infrastructure industries with design, civil and building capabilities. MacDow has a strong history in bringing leadership to urban construction and rail projects both internationally and in Australia. Operating in over 26 countries across Africa, Australasia and the Pacific region and the Middle East, MacDow’s recent projects include the Glenelg Tram Overpass and North Melbourne Station redevelopment. MacDow has been working in South East Queensland for many years creating a strong local network of suppliers that they will combine with their urban construction and rail projects.

Bombardier Transportation Australia Pty Ltd is the global leader in the rail equipment manufacturing and servicing industry. Its wide range of products include passenger rail vehicles and total transit systems. Having supplied more than 2,400 light rail vehicles worldwide, Bombardier possesses a well-proven expertise in the execution of rail Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) and specifically, light rail PPPs. With a sizeable presence in the Australian rail industry, Bombardier has been successful in supplying rail vehicles to Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland.

Operations and Maintenance Contractors

KDR Gold Coast Pty Ltd (KDR) is the joint venture between Keolis and Downer EDI Ltd (Downer), which also currently operates and maintains the Melbourne tram system, Yarra Trams.

Keolis is a world leader in light rail operations, established in 12 countries over three continents. One of Keolis group’s key strengths is its ability to partner public transport authorities in the construction of new transport networks or extensions to existing networks. In light rail projects, Keolis brings the operator’s viewpoint to the table, helping authorities to financially optimise their operations throughout the lifetime of the light rail system.

Downer provides comprehensive design engineering, infrastructure and asset management services to the transport, energy and resources sectors, supported by its various specialist divisions. Downer has the experience, expertise, scale and geographical reach enabling it to provide whole of life services to its client’s assets. Located across more than 40 countries, Downer has helped build communities and nations across the Asia-Pacific region for more than 100 years.

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.

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