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# Light Rail Mail

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This regular newsletter is our way of keeping you informed about what's happening with the Gold Coast light rail project.

We thank you for your continued interest in the project and look forward to your ongoing support.

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## Light rail on track!

Queensland's first light rail system has reached a major milestone with 2,800 tonnes of rail track recently arriving on the Gold Coast.

The arrival of the rail and transport logistics were witnessed by the [Minister for Transport and Main Roads Scott Emerson](#), who said this milestone reinforced the government's commitment to delivering the Gold Coast Rapid Transit project.

The rail arrived by ship at the Port of Brisbane in late April and was trucked to a secure storage site north of the Gold Coast. It took 140 semi-trailer trips to transport the rails to their destination.

Each segment of rail connecting the 13-kilometre route is 18 metres in length and were manufactured overseas due to the highly specialised expertise and equipment required.

In order to construct Stage One of the Gold Coast light rail system, 55 kilometres of rail was manufactured in Austria by [Voestalpine Schienen GmbH](#), a global leader in the production of grooved rails.

A total of 14 light rail vehicles will operate along the route with steel wheels fitted to run along the fixed track. Track



D&C JV Project Director message



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## Building a legacy

GoldLinQ's Design and Construction Joint Venture team, [McConnell Dowell Constructors \(Aus\) Pty Ltd](#) (MacDow) and [Bombardier Transportation Australia Pty Ltd](#) (BT) are rapidly advancing with works in Southport to commence this month.

Piling in Smith Street, track form in Queen Street, civils in Scarborough Street and earthworks at the Depot will kick off major civil construction works by MacDow on the Stage One corridor.

Design and Construction Joint Venture Project Director Paul Crosetta said MacDow is a major engineering, construction, building and maintenance contractor, employing over 10,000 personnel nationally and internationally.

"Working on numerous high profile projects around Australia, MacDow is known for finding creative solutions to engineering and construction challenges for clients," Mr Crosetta said.

"Constructing a light rail system to link fast growing commercial, retail and recreational centres in Australia's sixth largest city is a complex engineering challenge.

## Design and Construction injecting \$21 million into local economy

Gold Coast light rail has injected \$21 million into the local economy over the past six months.

GoldLinQ CEO Phil Mumford said the latest figures were an example of the project's value to the local economy and this would continue to climb as work progressed.

"The \$21 million injection is the result of sourcing the majority of goods and services from the local area including earthmoving, concreting, piling and traffic management," Mr Mumford said.

As a new member of the Gold Coast community, GoldLinQ is getting to know and integrate with local businesses, community groups, schools and residents to work together and deliver a world-class transit system we can all be proud of.

Gold Coast based [Evolution Traffic Control](#) and Traffic Group Australia are working with Design and Construction partner MacDow to deliver traffic management plans.

Evolution Traffic Control joins several local subcontractors on the project and Evolution supervisor Bob Chessor said he was ecstatic to be a part of it.

## Gold Coast Rapid Transit - Lessons learned

On Wednesday 16 May, Anna Carroll, Project Director of Gold Coast Rapid Transit and Jason Ward, Communications Director of GoldLinQ jointly presented at the 3rd Annual Queensland Transport Infrastructure Conference on Queensland's first light rail system.

Their presentation covered the GoldLinQ's responsibility as Operator Franchise and the Queensland Government's '*Gold Coast Rapid Transit - Lessons learned*'.

*Lessons Learned 'Making a good project a great project'*, is a critical retrospective of Queensland's first PPP following the Global Financial Crisis. As such, it is intended to encourage discussion regarding planning and negotiating major infrastructure projects across Australia and internationally, in this still-new financial terrain.

The publication maps the crucial planning and procurement phase of this city-changing project for the Gold Coast. It is presented in two parts:

- an overview in the form of an **Executive Summary**; and
- a **Critical Retrospective** which contains an analytical exploration

“As an investor, MacDow is passionate about and committed to delivering Queensland’s first light rail system and the prospects of future stages. We are building a lasting legacy for the Gold Coast,” he said.

MacDow and BT are committed to minimising the impacts of construction and will continue to provide advanced notification of work activities to affected stakeholders.

For the latest project information or to speak with a member of the Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Team contact 1800 967 377\*.

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“We came on board as part of the tender process and as more work starts we will have an average of 30 people on site,” Mr Chessor said.

“We recently had an employee recognised for her safety work on-site by GoldLinQ’s internal reward and recognition program which was fantastic.”

GoldLinQ is committed to contributing to the local economy and has a number of local industry participation targets to meet during the three-year design and construction program.

of key experiences and learnings across the seven technical areas of Planning and Project Approvals, Communications and Stakeholder Engagement; Project Governance; City Building; Delivery Method; The Deal; and Project Team.

*Gold Coast Rapid Transit - Lessons Learned* is available to be viewed and downloaded from [www.gcrtlessonslearned.com.au](http://www.gcrtlessonslearned.com.au).



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