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# Light Rail Mail

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

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## First section of track laid at Queen Street

The Gold Coast light rail project team has accomplished a major milestone with the first section of rail now placed in Queen Street.

Design and Construction Joint Venture (D&C JV) Project Director, Daryl Young from [McConnell Dowell](#) said the track laying is a significant construction achievement for the project with works taking shape along the corridor.

"Construction will continue to progress from preparatory and underground service work to above ground track laying and station foundational work," Mr Young said.

"Segments of rail, 18 metres in length will be welded together on-site with up to 30 metres of progress a day expected across the 13-kilometre route."

Queen Street was chosen as the first area for track laying as the street was prepared by the Queensland Government Early Enabling Works prior to transitioning to GoldLinQ in March 2012.

The 2,800 tonnes of rail arrived by ship at the Port of Brisbane in April 2012 and it took 140 semi-trailer trips to transport the rails to a secure storage site north of the Gold Coast.

Due to the highly specialised expertise and equipment required, the rail was manufactured in Austria by Voestalpine Schienen GmbH, a global leader in the production of grooved rails.

The 55 kilometres of rail will be used for two lines of light rail track – north and south-bound – servicing the Health and Knowledge precinct, the Depot, Southport, Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach.

## Construction update

Since gaining possession of the corridor in January 2012, GoldLinQ's construction of the Gold Coast light rail project is well underway with tracks being laid and ground broken at various sites across the 13-kilometre corridor.

Significant construction milestones include:

### Southport

- Piers for the Smith Street light rail bridge are now completed.
- First track laying in Queen Street.
- Construction of the Depot facility is underway with piling (161 piles for the Depot building), earthworks and underground services works completed.

### Surfers Paradise

- Construction has commenced along the Surfers Paradise Boulevard at the Ferny and Elkhorn Avenue intersection and between Hamilton Avenue and Thornton Street.
- Piling works on the first shared light rail vehicle and pedestrian bridge has commenced at Macintosh Island North.

You can keep up-to-date with construction activities and project milestones [here](#).



News in brief

## Love Learning launched

As part of delivering Queensland's first light rail system GoldLinQ's Design and Construction Joint Venture (D&C JV) partner, McConnell Dowell Constructors Pty Ltd (MacDow) and Bombardier Transportation (BT), are partnering with local schools and tertiary



More News in brief

## In the community - light rail uniform

Gold Coasters will have a light rail system they can truly call their own when services commence in 2014.

Two Gold Coast Institute of TAFE (GCIT) students will see their design ideas become a reality as the light rail uniform for KDR Gold Coast's operational staff.

Selections from GCIT design students



Gold Coast's Flexity 2

## GoldLinQ CEO inspects first tram in Germany

GoldLinQ CEO Phil Mumford has taken a sneak-peak at the progress of the Gold Coast's first tram as it takes shape in a German factory.

Mr Mumford said the steel vehicle bodies were now in the sandblasting and painting area to be painted bright

institutions to deliver an innovative Schools and Education program called 'Love Learning'.

Love Learning aims to maximise opportunities for local industry and workers through the engagement of local schools, colleges, universities and TAFEs to promote knowledge transfer, innovation and enhance local skills.

The campaign was officially launched by the Minister for Education, Training and Employment, the Honourable John Paul Langbroek MP on Friday 21 September at Southport State School.

"GoldLinQ's Love Learning campaign is a great initiative and I'm thrilled to see it being rolled out on the Gold Coast," Mr Langbroek said.

"This program demonstrates that major infrastructure projects can deliver education and training opportunities that lead to improved participation in employment."

Members of the project team delivering the Gold Coast light rail joined Mr Langbroek at a special assembly to commemorate the launch where students were introduced to the different roles that people play in constructing the system.

Students also learnt the importance of light rail as a great public transport alternative for getting around the city in 2014.

GoldLinQ looks forward to partnering with various schools and tertiary institutions as it rolls out Love Learning through school corridor tours, assembly presentations and real world work experience and curriculum opportunities.

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Kelsey Ingram and Sue Paul along with local industry designer Huski, will form part of the uniform range for tram drivers, line officers, customer service officers, maintenance workers and other operational staff.

At the unveiling of the uniform, Transport and Main Roads Minister Scott Emerson congratulated the students on their winning designs.

"This uniform has been designed in Queensland and will be supplied by an Australian company for our Gold Coast light rail operations staff," said Mr Emerson.

GoldLinQ CEO Phil Mumford said the final design reflected the Gold Coast with bright colours, light fabrics and a relaxed but professional look.

yellow - the colour representative of the Gold Coast with its sun and sand.

GoldLinQ's rail systems partner Bombardier Transportation (BT) has been contracted to build 14 Flexity 2 light rail vehicles (LVR), which will run along the Gold Coast light rail's Stage One 13-kilometre route.

"It has been great to see first-hand the LVR being built in the Bautzen factory," Mr Mumford said.

"I am very happy with the progress and am confident each and every tram will be delivered on time to the Gold Coast."

Rail Project Delivery Director Ian Corfield from BT said the first Flexity 2 tram for the Gold Coast would arrive in mid-2013 with the final tram to be here in early 2014.

"We are proud to be delivering a Queensland designed tram for the Gold Coast, 43 metres long with its unique cab front styled around a wave," Mr Corfield said.

"Bombardier has delivered 3,500 LVRs world-wide in the past 15 years and we continue to be a global leader of choice for light rail systems."

Mr Mumford took the opportunity to tour locations in Europe with light rail sites in several stages of development from construction and newly built systems to well-established systems, operated by Keolis, (who are partners in the KDR Gold Coast Joint Venture with Downer EDI Rail in Australia).



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