Gold Coast Rapid Transit

Early works: Gold Coast University Hospital Station shell

The Gold Coast Rapid Transit project is part of a long-term plan for a first class public transport system for the Gold Coast. The light rail will provide a public transport spine that will link the main coastal centres of Southport, Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach with Griffith University and the new hospital.

Building Stage One of the system

Stage One of the light rail rapid transit project is a 13 kilometre dedicated light rail corridor to service the new Gold Coast University Hospital, Griffith University and the commercial, retail and recreational centres of Southport, Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach. There are 16 stations planned for the Stage One corridor. The first significant piece of construction will be the commencement of works on the Gold Coast University Hospital Station shell within the Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct at Parklands Drive, Southport.

Construction of the station shell

The $33 million construction package for the GCUH Station shell includes the construction of the floor, roof and walls that will support the future station structure and associated roadworks in Parklands Drive.

The Station shell is being constructed in two stages in order to integrate with the Gold Coast University Hospital construction activities and to avoid disruption when the new 750-bed tertiary teaching hospital is operational.

Expected construction impacts

During construction, Parklands Drive between Olsen Avenue and Alumni Place will remain open to traffic but will be reduced from four lanes to two lanes. There will be over 500 bored piles put in place during construction. This work will be undertaken progressively, to minimise traffic disruption.

The station

When completed, the below ground light rail station will be open sided, have two platforms and provide a new entry to Griffith University. It will provide easy access for students, staff, patients and visitors to the university and hospital.

Timing

Completion of the station shell is targeted for completion by late 2011. The final touches to the station will be completed in 2013 by the system operator, prior to commencement of light rail services in 2014.

Operation of the station

Once operational, the Gold Coast University Hospital Station is predicted to be one of the busiest on the system and will act as a key interchange point for services to the north and west of the city. The station will directly service the predicted 20,000 plus student population at Griffith University, along with the thousands of staff, students and visitors who will frequent the new 750-bed Gold Coast University Hospital.

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