

Gold Coast Rapid Transit

Southport roadworks

18 February 2011

The following construction works are expected in the Southport roadworks area in the coming fortnight (weather and construction conditions permitting).

Zone 1: Queen Street (Wardoo Street to Nerang Street)

- At the Wardoo Street / Queen Street / Firestone Street intersection, works are underway on the installation of new water and stormwater pipelines. Temporary partial lane closures can be expected from time-to-time.
- Works to install new wastewater pipelines in Queen Street near Loders Creek will begin this fortnight. Traffic will be maintained one-way westbound on Queen Street during these works.
- The construction of several retaining walls is progressing on the cemetery side of the street between Southport State School and the Queen Street / Nerang Street intersection.
- On the residential side of the street, underground services relocations, drainage works, and works at individual properties are continuing. Drainage works are also underway outside Southport State School.
- In Carey Lane, construction of a large diameter stormwater pipeline is now complete. Further pipeline installation works will be required near the Queen Street / Nerang Street intersection in March 2011. These works may result in additional temporary closures of Carey Lane. More information will be provided to local residents and businesses closer to the start of these works.
- In March 2011, the project team will undertake weekend works to install a new water pipeline in Queen Street near Bambarra Street. These works will require the temporary closure of a section of Queen Street for one full weekend, with signed detours in place to direct motorists around the works. More information will be provided to local residents closer to the start of these works.

Zone 2a: Nerang Street (Queen Street to High Street)

- Changes to local traffic arrangements are being made in the Nerang Street works zone to allow easier access to businesses.

Breaks in the traffic control barriers have been provided at each driveway between Cougal Street and High Street, and access will be left in / left out. To accommodate these traffic changes, temporary loading zones have been moved towards Cougal Street.
- Underground electrical services relocations are now underway in Nerang Street. These works include the staged installation of new electrical cables in the street and construction of an electrical pit on the corner of Pohlman Street / Nerang Street. These works will require some temporary changes in traffic conditions.
- Drainage works are continuing on the corner of Nerang Street and Queen Street.
- A major upgrade of the Nerang Street / High Street intersection will begin in the last week of February 2011, involving roadworks and underground services relocations. Night works should be expected during the upgrade.

As part of these works, High Street's southbound u-turn facility at the intersection will be removed permanently in mid 2011.
- In early March 2011, temporary traffic changes will be made in Cougal Street to accommodate pipeline installation works at the Nerang Street / Cougal Street intersection.

Access to Cougal Street will be available via High Street only. More information will be provided to local businesses closer to the start of these works.

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Zone 2b: Nerang Street (High Street to Davenport Street)

- Roadworks and services relocations will commence in the coming months between High Street and Davenport Street. More information will be provided to local businesses closer to the start of these works.

Zone 3: Queen Street (Lenneberg Street to Marine Parade via Ada Bell Way) and Scarborough Street (Queen Street to Park Lane)

- Works to demolish government-owned properties on Queen Street, Scarborough Street and Swan Lane are continuing.

This fortnight, demolition works will be completed at 2a Scarborough Street, and 45 and 47 Queen Street. Works will shortly begin on the deconstruction and demolition of 25 and 27 Queen Street, and 1-7 Swan Lane.
- Vegetation clearing and potholing is underway in this area, ahead of services relocations on the corner of Queen Street and Ada Bell Way, commencing in early March 2011.

All efforts will be made to keep disruption to a minimum.

We thank you for your patience and cooperation.

For further information:

- Call 1800 967 377 to speak to the project team
- Visit the project website
www.goldcoastrapidtransit.qld.gov.au.

To register for email and / or SMS updates, send an email with your mobile number to southport@tmr.qld.gov.au.

Please slow down – roadwork safety is your responsibility too.

Your questions answered Nerang Street (Queen Street to High Street)

- Q. Why were traffic control barriers installed in the Nerang Street medical precinct before Christmas 2010?
- A. The traffic control barriers were installed in the Nerang Street medical precinct during a quiet time of the year for the Gold Coast Hospital. This allowed staff, patients and customers to the precinct to get used to the new traffic configuration at a time of low traffic volume.
- Q. Why didn't works start for some time after the installation of traffic control barriers in this area?
- A. Extreme weather and heavy rain delayed some packages of work for the project team. Recent flooding in Queensland also caused delays and a shortage in the supply of some materials and certain types of contract works, such as Energex and Telstra.
- Q. How long are works scheduled to continue on the business side of Nerang Street?
- A. It is anticipated that works will continue on the business side of Nerang Street until approximately July 2011. At this time, traffic will switch to the other side of the road, outside Gold Coast Hospital, weather and construction conditions permitting.
- Q. What do the current works in Nerang Street involve?
- A. Current works between Queen Street and High Street involve the relocation of underground services, such as water, wastewater, telecommunications and gas, as well as road widening and leveling works.

These works will allow the chosen light rail operator to construct tracks and stations in Nerang Street in the future.

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