

# Gold Coast Rapid Transit

## Southport roadworks

29 April 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)

- Weekend works will be undertaken at the Wardoo Street / Queen Street / Firestone Street intersection from Friday 13 May to Sunday 15 May 2011, weather permitting. Continuous works during this weekend will involve reconstruction of the intersection, including excavation, road re-levelling, asphaltting and line marking.

One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction on Wardoo Street and Firestone Street, with traffic controllers in place to assist with safe traffic movements. Traffic on Queen Street (between Nerang Street and Wardoo Street) will be required to follow signed detours through local streets.

- Due to recent wet weather, the installation of new underground services in the northern sections of Mal Burke Street and Bambarra Street has been delayed until May 2011. Access to these streets via Queen Street will be temporarily unavailable from time-to-time while works are underway.
- A new water main is currently being installed across Queen Street near Beale Street. These works will take approximately two weeks to complete, weather permitting.
- Drainage works outside Southport State School are nearly complete. From 3 May 2011, the worksite will move to the residential side of the street. Affected residents and businesses will be contacted in the coming week to discuss driveway access arrangements during works.
- New power poles are in place along the cemetery side of Queen Street and overhead power lines are now being strung. Following these works, the old power poles will be removed.
- On the residential side of the street, underground services relocations, drainage works, and works at individual properties are continuing.

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

- Major upgrade works are progressing at the Nerang Street / High Street intersection, with underground services currently being relocated. These works are mostly being undertaken at night to minimise disruptions for local businesses and to avoid peak traffic periods.

A full closure of the intersection for one weekend will occur during June 2011, weather permitting. The full closure is required to allow reconstruction of the intersection. More information about this closure will be provided in the next construction update.

- Works to install new wastewater pipelines in Nerang Street between Queen Street and Cougal Street are nearly complete. Following these works, a new drainage line will be installed.

Access to Cougal Street via Nerang Street is unavailable while new underground services are installed in the area. Motorists can access Cougal Street via High Street. These traffic changes will remain in place until mid 2011.

- Access pits are currently being constructed at intervals along Nerang Street (on the Gold Coast Hospital side) to allow tunnel boring machines to be used for telecommunications services installation.

These works will result in the temporary removal or relocation of some on-street parking bays in Nerang Street. Current pedestrian movements may also be affected. Changes will be signed, and traffic controllers will be in place to direct pedestrians around the works.

- Dayworks to install new underground electrical services on Queen Street between Nerang Street and Tweed Street (at the rear of Gold Coast Hospital) are continuing.
- Drainage works and the installation of new retaining walls are continuing on the corner of Nerang Street and Queen Street.

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## Zone 2b: Nerang Street

### (High Street to Davenport Street)

- Roadworks and services relocations are now underway between High Street and Davenport Street. Initial works involve the installation of underground electrical conduits across Nerang Street in two places - near Sol Breads and near Officeworks. Conduits will also be installed on the corner of Nerang Street and Rawlins Street (outside Officeworks).

Works will require the removal of some on-street carparking and traffic islands, and temporary traffic and pedestrian diversions around worksites. All changes will be signed, and traffic controllers will be in place to direct traffic and pedestrians as required. Commercial parking facilities are available on Nerang Street.

## Zone 3: Queen Street

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

- Due to recent wet weather, the demolition of government-owned properties on Queen Street and Swan Lane has been extended until mid 2011. Following these works, a site compound will be established on the corner of Queen Street and Scarborough Street.
- Works to relocate existing underground services in Matron and Sister Higman Park are now underway. Following these works, the project team will commence major works in Queen Street, Ada Bell Way and Scarborough Street.
- Existing centre parking and traffic islands in Scarborough Street between Park Lane and Queen Street will be removed in the coming weeks, ahead of roadworks at the Scarborough Street / Queen Street intersection. Commercial parking facilities are available in nearby streets.

All efforts will be made to keep disruption to a minimum

We thank you for your patience and cooperation.

## Your questions answered

### Reduced speed limits

Q. Why is the speed limit along Queen Street and Nerang Street posted at 40km/h during the night when little or no roadwork is occurring?

A. While the majority of construction works along Queen Street and Nerang Street are being carried out during the day, some activities are also underway at night. The current upgrade works at the Nerang Street / High Street intersection are largely being carried out at night to reduce disruption to traffic and the community.

Reduced speed limits are in place outside of work hours due to changed road conditions. Changed conditions include narrower lane widths, uneven surfaces and detours. Reduced speed limits also help to protect road workers.

We ask motorists to drive slowly so they can be more aware of their surroundings and better prepared to navigate changes in the road design.

Q. I am keeping to the reduced speed limits in the work zone but many other motorists are not. Are these reduced speed limits being enforced?

A. The project team and local police meet regularly to discuss issues such as reduced speed limits in the work zone. Reduced speed limits are enforceable and fines of up to \$933 may apply.

### For further information:

- Call 1800 967 377 to speak to the project team
- Visit the project website [www.goldcoastrapidtransit.qld.gov.au](http://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](mailto:southport@tmr.qld.gov.au).

Please slow down – roadwork safety is your responsibility too.

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