

# Gold Coast Rapid Transit

## Southport roadworks

19 August 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)

- On Monday 22 August 2011, road profiling works will be undertaken in the southbound lanes of Wardoo Street. Some lane closures will be required and motorists can expect some delays.
- From Tuesday 23 August 2011, one-way westbound traffic on Queen Street, between Beale Street and Wardoo Street, will be shifted onto the northern (school) side of the street. This traffic change will allow asphaltting works to be undertaken on the southern (residential) side of the street.

New footpaths will be ready for use on this side of the street and pedestrians can safely cross Queen Street using the new traffic signals at the Wardoo Street / Queen Street intersection. There will be no pedestrian access along the southern side of Queen Street between Bambarra Street and Salmon Street due to the construction of a major drainage structure at Loders Creek.

- The installation of a large diameter water pipeline along the northern side of Queen Street between Mick Veivers Way and Tweed Street is progressing well.

A section of the pipeline is currently being installed under the Queen Street / Nerang Street intersection using a tunnel boring machine. Access pits for the tunnel boring machine have been constructed on either side of the intersection.

- Carey Lane is currently closed to all traffic while new water and stormwater pipelines are installed across its Queen Street entrance. Alternative access for Carey Lane residents, business tenants and visitors has been provided via St Hilda's School's Whitby Street carpark.
- The construction of new drainage culverts in Loders Creek, Fass Park and on the residential side of Queen Street (opposite Southport State School) is continuing.

- Gold Coast City Council's kerbside cleanup program has been postponed for all residential properties in Queen Street while roadworks are underway. Residents will shortly receive a letter from Council advising of new dates for the cleanup in late January 2012.

### Zone 2A: Nerang Street

#### (Queen Street to High Street)

- Major upgrade works are continuing at the Nerang Street / High Street intersection during the day, with the installation of kerb and channel, drainage and new traffic signals underway. Energex will also remove existing overhead electrical wires at the intersection in the coming fortnight.

Some temporary lane closures can be expected around the intersection from time-to-time.

- Works are underway in the grounds of Gold Coast Hospital to upgrade the existing water and wastewater networks. New retaining walls are also progressing well in this area.

### Zone 2B: Nerang Street

#### (High Street to Davenport Street)

- On the southern side of Nerang Street, installation of a new water pipeline between High Street and Garden Street is continuing.
- Also along the southern side of Nerang Street, road profiling, kerb and channelling works, driveway reconstruction and the installation of new light poles and underground conduits are underway.

While these works are being carried out, the Nerang Street entrance to Garden Street will remain closed to all traffic. It is expected that the street will be reopened in the coming 2-3 weeks.

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## Zone 3: Queen Street

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

- There will be changed traffic conditions at the Ada Bell Way / Queen Street intersection and surrounding streets from the week of 22 August 2011 to allow for roadworks.

All traffic movements will be available at the intersection and at least one lane in each direction will remain open on Queen Street.

- A new stormwater pipeline is currently being installed along the southern side of Queen Street, between Ada Bell Way and Lenneberg Street. A small section of pipeline will also be installed across Queen Street, connecting into an existing manhole near 4 Scarborough Street.

Some traffic lane changes, temporary driveway interruptions and travel delays can be expected.

- Works to install a new wastewater pipeline across Queen Street, near Scarborough Street, will occur this fortnight. Works will require some temporary lane closures.
- The installation of new underground telecommunications services on both sides of Scarborough Street between Park Lane and White Street are continuing until late August 2011. These works include two road crossings in Scarborough Street.
- Gold Coast City Council's kerbside cleanup program has been postponed for all residential properties in Queen Street while roadworks are underway. Residents will shortly receive a letter from Council advising of new dates for the cleanup in late January 2012.

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](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.

## Your questions answered

### Underground services relocations and upgrades

Q. Why is the team relocating underground services when the project is about constructing a light rail system?

A. When roads are built, many of the services such as telecommunications, electricity and water are located in the road reserve (which includes the roadway, footpaths and / or the roadside). Much of the infrastructure the project team is replacing and upgrading has been in the ground for many decades.

Before work can commence on building the light rail tracks and stations, these services need to be relocated away from the light rail corridor. This allows for access to the services once the light rail system is in place.

Similarly, many of the existing services do not conform to current regulations and standards, so upgrades are required to minimise service interruptions and inconveniences. These new services are built to current standards and should last for many years.

Q. I own a business on Nerang Street and have noticed that the same piece of ground has been dug up several times. I don't understand why all works in this area can't be undertaken at the same time.

A. Underground services relocations are complex. Each asset is owned by a different authority (eg. Energex and Telstra) and often must be relocated by pre-approved contractors at times when they are available.

Different assets are also installed at different levels within the ground. For example, telecommunications services can be quite shallow while water and wastewater pipelines are often deeper in the ground. As a result, many services are often located in the same section of the ground, but at different levels. This means that services located deepest are relocated first, followed by those found closer to the ground surface.

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