

Gold Coast Rapid Transit

Early works in Southport and Broadbeach

Construction has commenced on the Gold Coast Rapid Transit project, a 13 kilometre light rail system that will deliver a long term plan for a world class public transport system for the Gold Coast. Early works in Southport (Roadworks north) and Broadbeach (Roadworks south) will deliver essential utility relocation and road widening prior to construction of the light rail system.

Getting ready for light rail - early and enabling roadwork

Before building can commence for the light rail, the roads it will travel on have to be widened and prepared. Utility services under the road and footpaths, such as the gas, water and telecommunications need to be moved to a more accessible location to allow for future repairs and upgrades. This is known as Public Utility Plant (PUP) relocation.

Roadworks north

Roadworks north is taking place in Southport. The work will be conducted in staged sections, with crews moving along the corridor as work is completed. The work required is outlined below.

Queen Street (from Wardoo Street)

Queen Street will be widened and prepared to allow the light rail track to run through a corridor down the centre of the road.

Nerang Street

The road will be widened mostly on the side adjacent to the hospital, with the new station planned to be located in the centre of the road.

Nerang Street and High Street intersection

Work will take place to modify the grade of this intersection.

Nerang Street (east)

No major road widening is required on Nerang Street. The centre parking will be removed and the road will be prepared and resurfaced.

Queen Street (east)

The Queens Park Tennis Club car park and Croquet Club will be re modelled to allow for the widened road in this area.

Roadworks south

Roadworks south is part of the early works taking place to prepare for the construction of the light rail tracks and stations. This roadworks package will take place along the Gold Coast Highway between the intersections of Thornton Street and Australia Avenue in Broadbeach.

Some of the activities you will see on these roads and at intersections are:

- survey work
- road widening and intersection upgrades
- relocation of services and public utilities (PUP) such as communications, power, water, gas, drainage and sewage
- landscaping, concreting and paving.

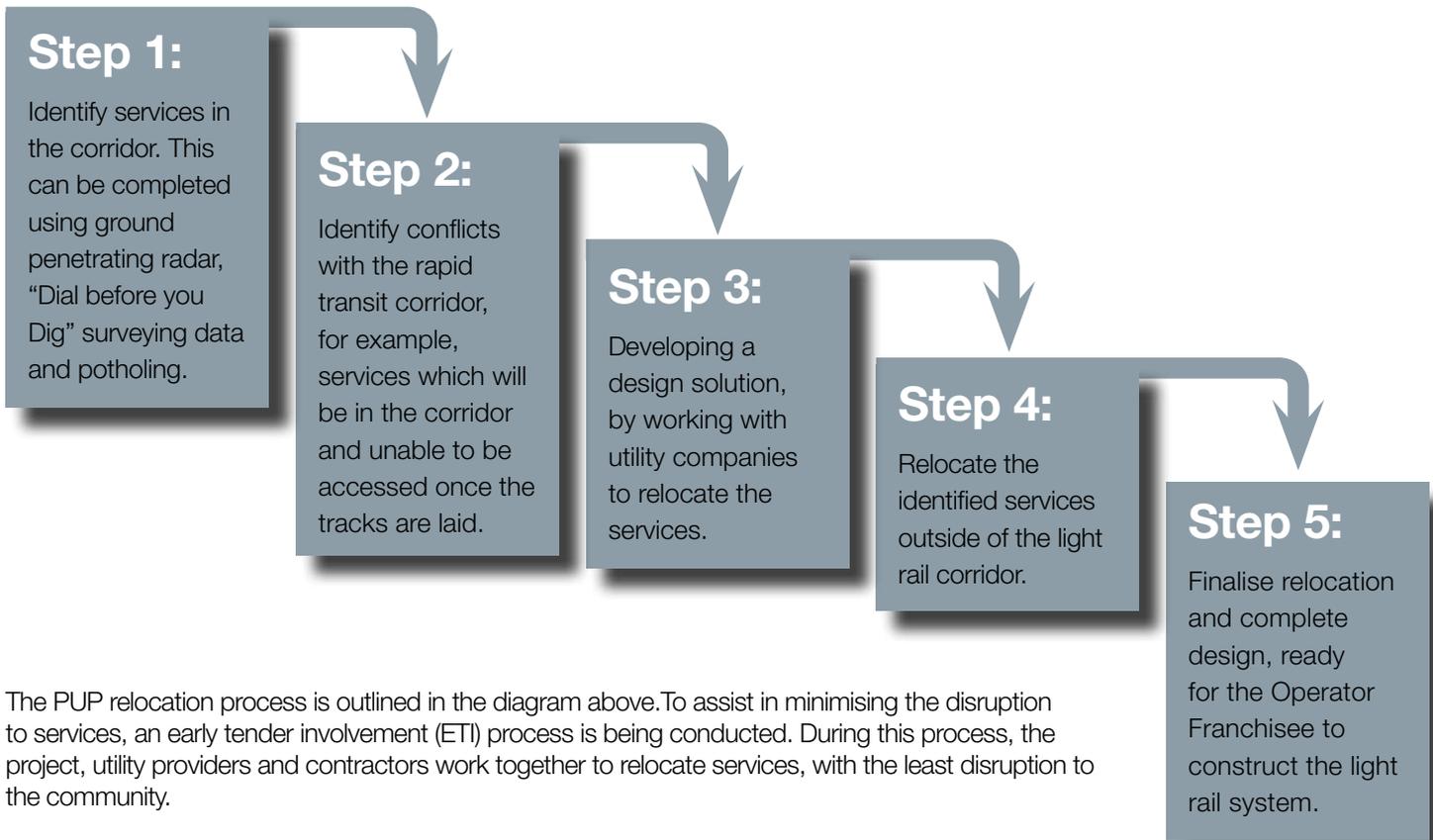


Road works at Parklands Drive

Public Utility Plant (PUP) relocation

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).

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



The PUP relocation process is outlined in the diagram above. To assist in minimising the disruption to services, an early tender involvement (ETI) process is being conducted. During this process, the project, utility providers and contractors work together to relocate services, with the least disruption to the community.

Community impacts

During roadworks, residents will be notified of the nature of the work and the working hours. The project is taking proactive steps to keep the impacts to a minimum. The project team will work with the community and business to ensure access to homes and business is maintained where possible.

Timing

Milestone	Target Date
Commence Construction Gold Coast University Hospital Station Shell – Parklands Drive	July 2010
Commence Roadworks north and south	Late 2010
Completion of Gold Coast University Hospital Station Shell – Parklands Drive	Late 2011
Completion of Roadworks Program north and south	Late 2011
Commence construction of light rail	Mid 2011
Commencement of Gold Coast Rapid Transit Services	2014

Getting work with the project

Contracts for early works and construction of the light rail system will be awarded to principal contractors, who will engage with smaller regional sub contractors to support their teams to complete the works.

An online local industry register (OLIR) is now available so that local builders, civil works contractors, specialist consultants and public utility installers can register their interest in the project. All contractors bidding for major packages will be provided with the online local industry register details. Please visit the project website to register your details and find out more.

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