

Gold Coast Rapid Transit

Route change: Surfers Paradise Boulevard

The Gold Coast Rapid Transit project is a \$949 million light rail system. It is being delivered by the Queensland Government in partnership with the Australian Government and Gold Coast City Council.

After an extensive assessment process, the state government recently announced a decision to pursue a new route along Surfers Paradise Boulevard as the preferred option over Ferny Avenue. The preferred route travels the full length of Surfers Paradise Boulevard and delivers significant benefits.

Background

In February 2010, the state government confirmed an agreement with the V8 Supercars to provide an annual motor racing event on the Gold Coast through the streets of Surfers Paradise. The race will be held on a shorter track than the previous Indy 300 racing event.

The shortened track provided an opportunity for the project team to consider alternative route options through Surfers Paradise. The original plans in the project's Concept Design and Impact Management Plan outlined the route down Ferny Avenue, which accommodated the former Indy 300 event.

See a detailed map outlining this change overleaf.



Above: an artist's impression of light rail in Surfers Paradise.

Benefits of the Surfers Paradise Boulevard route

The preferred alignment down Surfers Paradise Boulevard will provide a number of benefits, including:

- minimising property acquisitions and impacts on commercial and residential property
- reducing construction and traffic impacts
- potentially increasing patronage
- providing reliable and integrated transport services
- maximising corridor development and land value opportunities
- providing opportunities for economic growth for the city
- providing a safer operating environment.

Operations during the V8 event

During the annual event, the operation of the light rail will be reduced to a single track with reduced services and will provide the added benefit of an efficient mass transit solution during this major Gold Coast event.

More information

For further information about property requirements please contact the project Property Team on 1800 967 377*.

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