

## Surfers Paradise Boulevard FAQs

### 1. Why did the route change to Surfers Paradise Boulevard?

The replacement of the Gold Coast Indy event with the V8 Supercars Australia motor race on a shorter street circuit in Surfers Paradise has allowed for the optimisation of the Gold Coast Rapid Transit route to travel down Surfers Paradise Boulevard instead of Ferny Avenue.

### 2. What are the benefits of the route change?

The Surfers Paradise Boulevard route will deliver 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.

### 3. How did the project arrive at those benefits?

The investigation was assessed against a range of criteria including value for money, land use outcomes, environmental impacts, traffic and safety and constructability. Importantly the new alignment down Surfers Paradise Boulevard can be delivered within the current project timeframes and budget.

### 4. Where will the light rail system cross the highway and will there be a station along the new route?

The light rail vehicles will travel along the western side of the Gold Coast Highway turning left onto Surfers Paradise Boulevard at the signalised intersection near the Marriott Hotel. A station will be built to the north of Ocean Avenue corner, and another station will be built near Cypress Avenue. There will still be a total of 16 stations along the 13 kilometre Stage One corridor.

### 5. Will there be changes to the traffic conditions along Surfers Paradise Boulevard?

To accommodate the light rail system, there will be some changes to the current traffic movement along Surfers Paradise Boulevard. The boulevard will become one way for south bound car traffic only.

### 6. What will happen during the V8 Supercars event?

During the annual event, the operation of the light rail will be reduced to a single track running through the interface area (approximately 200 metres). This provides the added benefit of an efficient mass transit solution during this major Gold Coast event.