

Gold Coast Rapid Transit

Transforming the city

The Gold Coast Rapid Transit project has a strong commitment to ensuring that the light rail system has a complementary relationship with the urban environment.

Adopting a whole-of-city vision

The Gold Coast Rapid Transit project will transform the Gold Coast through providing a world class transit service that attracts new development and positions the city for sustainable growth. The project has taken a whole-of-city approach to designing the rapid transit system; the key elements of this approach include:

- working to a whole-of-city planning vision that identifies major redevelopment opportunities
- ensuring comfortable interchanges with buses
- achieving a sense of 'place' at light rail stations
- providing a streetscape that supports pedestrian access along the light rail corridor.



Above: Light rail in Barcelona, Spain.



Above: Light rail in Brussels, Belgium.

Renewing and revitalising

Light rail has a proven record in revitalising cities. Many cities around the world have successfully combined public transport investment with a policy of renewal and revival of their centres. The long life of light rail infrastructure encourages investment, and the areas in the vicinity of light rail stations normally see an increase in land values as a result of this investment.

Light rail can travel safely through areas where people live and work, efficiently connecting neighbourhoods, key centres and retail areas.



Above: Artist impression of light rail in Surfers Paradise.

Enhancing liveability

Transit oriented development is a city planning and urban design philosophy. The concept encourages the delivery of higher density sustainable development that facilitates liveability and accessibility within a high quality pedestrian environment.

The built-up nature of the key activity centres along the Gold Coast Rapid Transit route, combined with the city's subtropical climate, provides excellent opportunities for transit oriented development. Gold Coast City Council is currently reviewing the city's planning scheme policy to make sure that such opportunities are realised.

Transit oriented development promotes a great whole-of-journey experience that emphasises pedestrian accessibility to attractive, safe and interesting light rail stations.

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Above: Light rail in Phoenix, USA.