## What to expect during construction

Major construction works for the extension to Burleigh Heads will commence in 2021 and include:

- temporary and permanent traffic changes, including lane closures and upgrades, to the Gold Coast Highway
- major intersection upgrades and the addition of permanent new pedestrian crossing points and U-turn facilities
- footpaths and other urban landscape upgrades around stations and key precincts, such as Nobby Beach and Burleigh Heads
- relocation of major underground services
- removal of on-street parking on the Gold Coast Highway and some side-streets to facilitate construction and traffic movements. Where width permits in the final design, parking will be reinstated post-construction
- high intensity works along the 6.7 kilometre corridor including construction of the light rail system primarily in the centre of the Gold Coast Highway

• night and weekend work as required to ensure traffic and other essential services are not disrupted at peak times.

### When appointed later this year, the construction contractor will:

- engage with the local community
- provide information to assist businesses to continue operating during construction
- notify the local community in advance of works commencing
- minimise disruption as much as possible.

Works will be programmed to minimise impacts, where possible.

When construction is complete, two lanes of traffic will be maintained on the Gold Coast Highway in each direction.

## Construction stages



**Stay connected** 

Keep informed as the project progresses. Register for email updates by contacting:

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## Light rail extension on track

Since the Gold Coast Light Rail started operations in 2014, it has provided more than 50 million passengers with an alternative way to move around this growing city.

The light rail system is designed to be delivered in stages to respond to the population growth. Stage 3 will expand the tram network to 27 kilometres from Helensvale to Burleigh Heads, connecting communities to jobs, businesses, hospitals, education and coastal precincts. As the network expands and patronage increases, light rail will continue to help reduce demand on local roads and improve the liveability and urban amenity of the city.

Like previous stages, the extension from Broadbeach to Burleigh Heads is funded by the Australian Government, Queensland Government and City of Gold Coast. It is being delivered as a public-private partnership with light rail operator, GoldlinQ. On behalf of the Queensland Government, GoldlinQ is leading the tender process and a design and construction contractor is expected to be appointed by late 2020.

## **Keeping you informed**

This year has been a unique and challenging time for our local community and businesses. We are committed to keeping residents and businesses informed about the project as it moves closer to construction.

To get the latest project news delivered to your inbox, visit our website and subscribe for project updates. If you have any questions about the project, contact us by phone or email.

Businesses along the Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 3 corridor are asked to participate in a questionnaire to help the project team understand how they operate and identify ways to manage and minimise changes during construction.





## BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Department of Transport and Main Roads

## Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 3 project update September 2020

## **Stage 3 key features**



Ride the G: Broadbeach South to Burleigh Heads



8 stations



Dual track centre of the Gold Coast Highway



Retain **two traffic lanes** either side of light rail tracks



5 additional trams similar to the 18 current vehicles



Approximately **16 to 17 minutes** from Broadbeach South to Burleigh Heads





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## **Getting ready for construction**

Before the light rail is built, some utility services located above and under the road, such as power, gas, water and telecommunications, need to be moved to allow for construction of the system. This will also ensure the services are in accessible locations to allow for repairs and upgrades when trams are running to Burleigh Heads.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has been working to prepare the Stage 3 light rail corridor before a design and construction contractor is appointed later this year.

The Stage 3 project team has been taking soil samples and inspecting underground services using ground-penetrating radar and digital 3D technology. Detailed mapping of the underground landscape captures information so essential services are not damaged during construction.

TMR is also progressing with pre-construction work at both ends of the corridor. On the northern end, just south of Broadbeach South station, a site has been prepared in readiness for the successful contractor to set up a site compound.

On the southernmost end, pre-construction activities at a former service station on the Gold Coast Highway, Burleigh Heads are underway. These works include demolition of buildings, removal of underground tanks and site remediation.

This Burleigh Heads site will be used to widen the Gold Coast Highway, making way for the terminus of Stage 3 and a connection between the light rail and the bus network.

In the coming months, more work may be undertaken along the light rail corridor to prepare for major construction works.



Broadbeach South site.

## **Community engagement**

In August 2018, the project conducted community engagement.

Feedback received from the community was:

- nearly 7 in 10 want more public transport services preferring light rail over bus
- 86 per cent support Stage 3 and want the extension to the Gold Coast Airport as soon as possible
- 72 per cent of Stage 3 corridor residents support future light rail extensions
- 80 per cent of Stage 3 corridor businesses support future light rail extensions and want it as soon as possible.

In the past few years local media polls have also shown similar results.

Are you a business on or near the Gold Coast Highway between Broadbeach and Burleigh Heads? Help us get you ready for construction by completing the GCLR3 Business Operations Questionnaire now: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/gclr3\_businesses

### **Explore the project – visit the new** interactive map

Following feedback from the community since 2018, the reference design has been refined and updated, with more signalised pedestrian crossings and U-turn facilities added.

Visit **www.gclr3.com.au** to view the updated reference design map and learn more about the project. Explore the corridor, station locations, traffic changes and features that come with light rail.