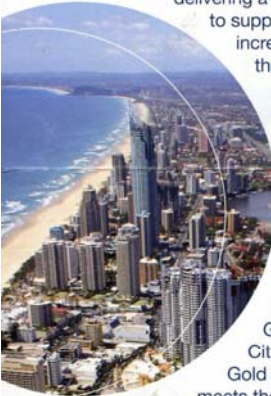




a fast, frequent and reliable transport system for the Gold Coast

The Queensland Government, through TransLink, is delivering a new rapid transit system to support population growth and increasing traffic demands on the Gold Coast.



Stage One of the new Gold Coast Rapid Transit system will provide a link from the Gold Coast rail line at Helensvale to Griffith University and the busy centres of Southport, Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach.

Detailed planning undertaken by the Queensland Government and Gold Coast City Council will ensure that the Gold Coast Rapid Transit system meets the city's public transport needs, now and in the future.

what is rapid transit?

A rapid transit system is a dedicated corridor for public transport that fits in with local features and surroundings.

The major benefits of a rapid transit system include:

- faster trip times – a separate corridor means vehicles avoid congestion and other traffic issues while multiple entry and exit points reduce the time spent getting on and off at stations
- better reliability through consistent trip times – each journey generally takes the same time, as delays at intersections and stations are minimised
- frequent services – vehicles will offer 24 hour services, during peak times rapid transit vehicles will operate every eight minutes or less
- moving more people more efficiently – the system will underpin significant improvements in public transport across the Gold Coast including new bus services, increased frequency of services and regular interchanges with the rapid transit system
- more than just a public transport system, the Gold Coast Rapid Transit system will enhance the image of the Gold Coast as a tourist destination and support ongoing investment in the corridor.

the facts

- our road system is struggling and with an increasing number of cars, our major road corridors are predicted to reach gridlock by 2016
- the increasing cost of fuel and parking, along with lengthy trip times, mean car travel is no longer a cheap or fast way to get around the city
- the Gold Coast's natural beauty is affected by the greenhouse gas emissions generated by our cars each day
- an integrated public transport system meets the needs of our growing city and we must act now to make a real difference in the future.

the need for the Gold Coast Rapid Transit system

The Gold Coast is no longer a provincial city – it's Queensland's second largest city and one of the fastest growing, most exciting cities in the Pacific region. Our population is increasing by 15,000 people each year, and by 2026 almost 740,000 people could call the Gold Coast home.

This influx of people will significantly increase the number of cars on our roads, creating more pressure on our already struggling road system. With no major road development planned for the coastal corridor, the introduction of an integrated public transport network is needed to keep our city moving.

Operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, a rapid transit system will provide the city with a fast, reliable and safe means of getting to work, university, community services and recreational centres.



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the options being considered



example of LRT

Previous decisions by the Queensland Government and Gold Coast City Council have determined that both light rail transit (LRT) and bus rapid transit (BRT) will be subject to detailed evaluation.

To determine the best system for the Gold Coast, TransLink has considered all factors including capacity, standards of service, accessibility, flexibility, attractiveness to users, ability to stimulate development, how it contributes to the city's image, and value for money.



example of BRT

The preferred option will have dedicated stations featuring 24-hour surveillance, 'real time' electronic passenger information and be accessible by everyone.

The next project update will provide detailed information on both mode options. For further information visit the project website at

www.translink.com.au/gc_rapidtransit

next steps

The project will display a Concept Design and Impact Management Plan (CDIMP) to define the preferred alignment for the rapid transit system.

The purpose of the CDIMP is to demonstrate which mode and what alignment would best serve the local community, while also adding to the visual appeal of the city and providing value for money. Consultation with the local community, public transport users and other stakeholders will be a key factor in providing input to the preferred system and alignment. The CDIMP will be available in the following forms:

- community newsletter providing summary of main outcomes
- 'In Brief' providing an executive summary of the CDIMP
- a seven volume document of detailed information on specific issues.

project activities	anticipated timings
draft Concept Design and Impact Management Plan completed for Government review	mid 2008
procurement	late 2008/2009
construction	late 2009

proposed alignment for Gold Coast Rapid Transit System



about TransLink

TransLink, part of Queensland Transport, is responsible for integrating public transport in South East Queensland. TransLink's commitment is to help people reach their destinations more quickly and easily by centrally planning and improving public transport routes, services, connections and infrastructure.



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