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Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 (Burleigh Heads to Coolangatta)

Preliminary Business Case phase

Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4

Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 will deliver a 13km extension south of Light Rail Stage 3, linking Burleigh Heads to Coolangatta, via the Gold Coast Airport. It will provide 14 stations between Burleigh Heads and Coolangatta as identified through the Burleigh Heads to Tugun and Tugun to Coolangatta Multi-modal Corridor Studies.

This future southern extension of the light rail will service important cultural and urban attractions including the Burleigh Heads Village Centre, Palm Beach Village Centre, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, Tugun Village Centre, Southern Cross University, Gold Coast Airport and Coolangatta shopping and business precinct. It also provides the opportunity for a future light rail extension into Tweed Heads, subject to Transport for NSW planning priorities.

Corridor planning

Burleigh Heads to Tugun

The *Gold Coast Highway (Burleigh Heads to Tugun) Multi-modal Corridor Study* was completed in 2020. The aim of the study was to review all previous planning and develop an updated transport strategy for this corridor that considered all modes of transport including walking, bike riding, public transport and private vehicles.

The study identified that the Gold Coast Highway route from Burleigh Heads to Tugun has the greatest potential for a shift to public transport as it is close to where people already live and provides the opportunity to transform the Gold Coast Highway into a high amenity community boulevard through careful design and treatment. The study investigated alternative routes finding a light rail extension down the Gold Coast Highway was the most direct and efficient route.

Tugun to Coolangatta

The *Gold Coast Highway (Tugun to Coolangatta) Multi-modal Corridor Study* was completed in June 2022. The study builds on the work completed for the Burleigh Heads to Tugun section and considered all transport modes to determine the preferred function for the next 20 years. The study investigated alternative routes, finding the preferred route for a light rail extension to the Gold Coast Airport is along the Gold Coast Highway. The preferred route into Coolangatta is via Coolangatta Road and the Lanham Street Park to a station on Chalk Street. This is the most direct and efficient route.

For more information about the corridor studies, visit www.tmr.qld.gov.au/gclr4

Community engagement

Community engagement on the preliminary business case is taking place to coincide with the completion of the corridor studies:

- Burleigh Heads to Tugun completed from July to September 2021
- Tugun to Coolangatta in November 2022.

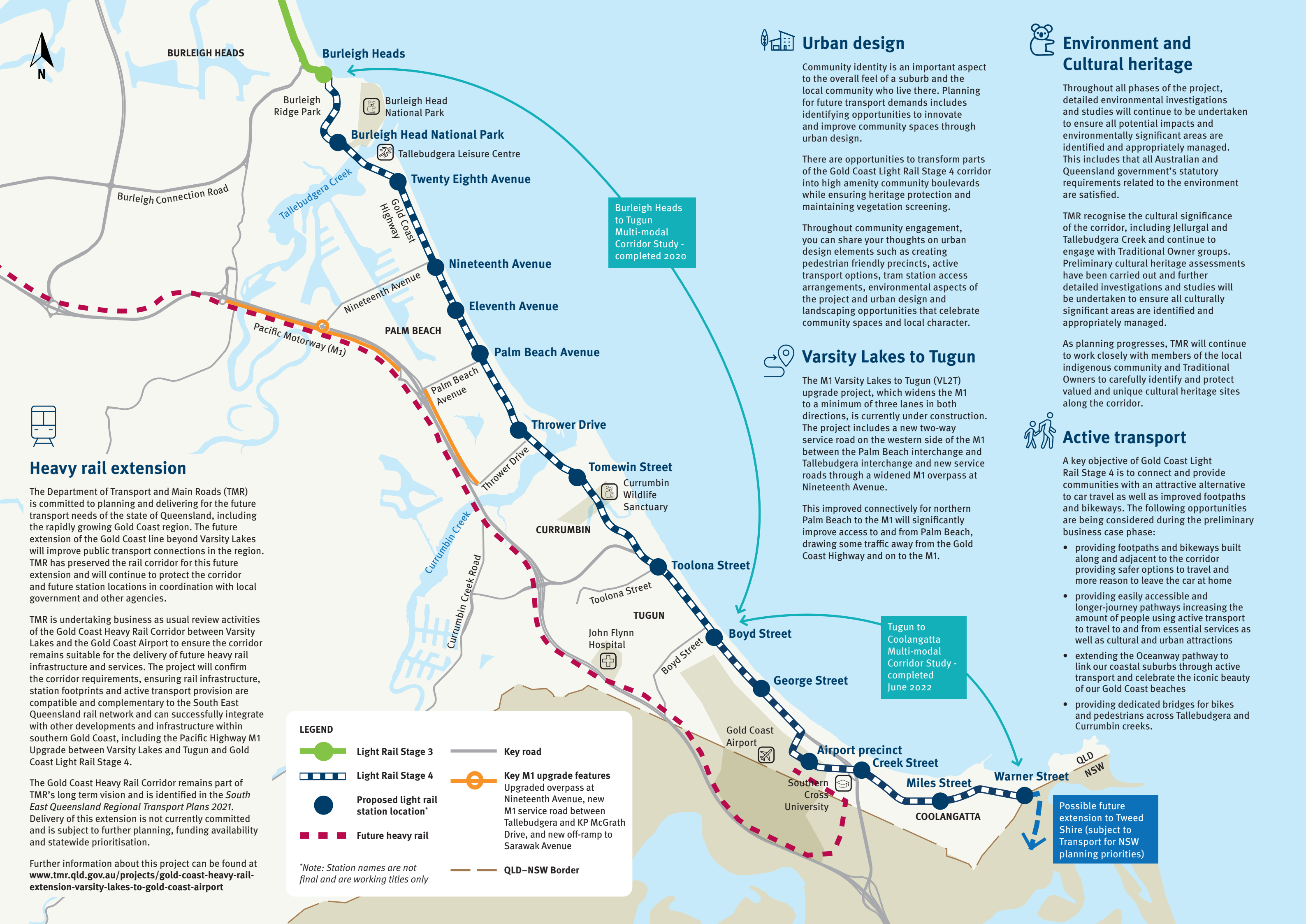
Community engagement provides the community with opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback on the project.

The Burleigh Heads to Tugun Community Consultation Summary Report was released on 4 April 2022 and shows that 63 per cent of residents surveyed support the project. Further information is available on the project website at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/gclr4

The outcomes of the preliminary business case will be made available to the community once this stage of the project has been completed and TMR will continue to engage throughout all stages of the project.



Artist's impression: Chalk Street, Coolangatta.



Project funding

The Queensland Government has committed \$3.7 million to undertake a preliminary business case for Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4, along with City of Gold Coast's financial contribution of \$670,000. An additional \$1.83 million has been committed by City of Gold Coast, bringing the City's total commitment to the preliminary business case to \$2.5 million and the total project investment to \$6.2 million.

Project timeline

Since the Gold Coast Light Rail started operations in 2014, it has provided more than 63 million passengers (as at June 2022) with an alternative way to move around this growing city. High-capacity public transport such as light rail allows the Gold Coast to respond to population growth and preserve the attractiveness and liveability of the southern Gold Coast.

The light rail system is designed to be delivered in stages. Stage 3 will expand the tram network to 27km 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.

The Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 Preliminary Business Case is currently underway. This phase includes:

- defining the project options to be evaluated in the preliminary business case
- community consultation on concept plans for the project
- conducting a preliminary evaluation of the costs, risks and benefits associated with the project options
- developing a detailed plan and budget for progressing to the next stage in the project (business case stage)
- reassessing the prioritisation of the project and alignment with strategic government priorities
- seeking approval and funding to progress to the business case stage.

It is anticipated the Preliminary Business Case will be completed by mid-2023.

A decision on future Queensland Government funding for the delivery of Stage 4 is dependent on the completion of a Detailed Business Case and funding from the Australian Government and City of Gold Coast.

Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 was included as an Early Stage Proposal on Infrastructure Australia's Infrastructure Priority List, in June 2022.

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Get involved and have your say

We would like to hear your views and find out what is important to you. You are invited to participate in our community consultation program to find out more about planning for the Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 and provide your input.

Provide your feedback online



Visit the interactive community consultation website to find out more about the project and provide your feedback.

Visit: www.tmr.qld.gov.au/gclr4



Talk to us in person

The project team will be holding community drop-in sessions to enable you to ask questions and provide face-to-face feedback on Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 planning.

Visit the website to find out drop-in session locations and times for community consultation for the Tugun to Coolangatta section.

Visit: www.tmr.qld.gov.au/gclr4

Contact us

If you would like further information about Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 or to register for updates, please contact the project team:

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