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

November 2022

Environment and Cultural Heritage

Factsheet



Artist's impression: Burleigh Ridge Park land bridge for fauna.

Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 will deliver a 13 kilometre 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.

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.

Protecting our environment

The Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 corridor is located along significant and iconic environmental landscapes. Planning for a reliable and sustainable public transport system, that protects our environmental and cultural heritage values now and into the future, is a priority.

Burleigh Head National Park

The *Gold Coast Highway (Burleigh Heads to Tugun) Multi-modal Corridor Study* identified the opportunity to establish a land bridge between Burleigh Head National Park and Burleigh Ridge Park, reconnecting the Burleigh to Springbrook ecological corridors for local fauna, including koala. This would maintain diversity through habitat and population connectivity. The land bridge would be planned in conjunction with fauna exclusion fencing to mitigate the impacts of vehicle strike on the Gold Coast Highway.

Further investigations

Opportunities to improve fauna connectivity at other locations such as Currumbin are also being explored and some of these investigations will include ecological field surveys of flora and fauna as well as studies of koalas to better understand the density, movements, health and diversity of the local population. Another important part of our environmental investigations is addressing any potential land contamination and planning accordingly to meet all legislative requirements.

Throughout all phases of the project, detailed environmental investigations and studies will continue to be undertaken.





Did you know expanding access to high quality public transport is a proven way to reduce car use and its associated emissions?

People who live in communities with accessible public transport tend to own fewer vehicles and drive less. Providing new and improved dedicated active pathways means people can ride or walk to school, cafes and services safely and improves accessibility.

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Cultural heritage

TMR recognise the cultural significance of the corridor, including Jellurgal and Tallebudgera Creek and continue to engage with Traditional Owner groups.

Preliminary cultural heritage assessments have been carried out and further detailed investigations and studies will be undertaken to ensure all culturally significant areas are identified and appropriately managed.

As planning progresses, TMR will continue to work closely with members of the local indigenous community and Traditional Owners to carefully identify and protect valued and unique cultural heritage sites along the corridor.

Minimising impacts to the environment long-term

Throughout all phases of the project, detailed environmental investigations and studies will be undertaken to ensure all potential impacts and environmentally significant areas are identified and appropriately managed. This includes ensuring that all Australian and Queensland governments' statutory requirements related to the environment are satisfied.



Artist's impression: Light Rail at Burleigh Head National Park and Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre.

Project timeline

2020

- **Gold Coast Highway (Burleigh Heads to Tugun (BH2T) Multi-modal Corridor Study** *Completed 2020*
- **Consultation on the BH2T Multi-modal Corridor Study** *Mid-2020*
- **Consultation on Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 – BH2T section** *July to September 2021*
- **Gold Coast Highway (Tugun to Coolangatta (T2C) Multi-modal Corridor Study** *Completed June 2022*

2023

- **Consultation on Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 – T2C section** *November 2022*
- **Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 Preliminary Business Case** *Expected completion mid-2023*
- **Detailed Business Case development** *subject to funding*

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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