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LIGHT RAIL TRACK BEING INSTALLED ACROSS NAPPER ROAD.

The Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 2 project is progressing well in the first half of 2017.

We'd like to thank the residents of Parkwood and surrounds for their patience during the installation of concrete track slabs and placing of rail across the intersection at Napper Road and Smith Street as well as Olsen Avenue and Wintergreen Drive. Further night closures of these intersections will be required to install the overhead electrical wiring currently proposed for June/July.

Work will begin to ramp up on the construction of the three new stations over the next few months in time for the testing and commissioning phase of the project scheduled for later this year.

As the project moves ahead, there is some local interest in the shared pedestrian and cycle path along the Smith Street Motorway with questions raised with the project team about when it will re-open. The pre-existing path running from the Gold Coast University Hospital precinct to Driftwood Park will be upgraded and for safety reasons, won't open until the end of the project construction and when the trams are fully operational. The upgrade will include widening of the path, installation of CCTV, lighting and landscaping.

The project's Community Fund received 12 applications for grants, which is a great result. All submissions for community funding were of an extremely high standard and we would like to thank all of the groups that made a submission.

Built by locals

To date, 1,607 workers have been inducted to the site, with 92.5% of workers local South East Queensland residents.

More than \$107 million has been spent with South East Queensland suppliers.



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COMMUNITY GRANT RECIPIENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Five local community groups have been awarded funding from the Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 2 Community Fund.

Parkwood Heights Scout Group received \$8,000 to assist with providing disability access to its clubhouse on Napper Road.

Scout Leader Stuart Christie said the grant will open up scouting in Parkwood to people of all abilities.

“This grant will allow us to upgrade and reconfigure the bathroom with handrails to ensure the facility is compliant with the disability building code,” he said.

“We want to welcome people of all abilities to our club and with this grant that is now possible.”

In addition to disability access for the local Scouts, the grants will be used by other groups in Parkwood and Arundel to buy new equipment and supplies, provide a shaded play area for children and to continue valuable programs for the disabled.

Other recipients include Parkwood Rotary Club, Little Souls Taking Big Steps, Southport Girl Guides and Arundel Park Riding for the Disabled.

- Parkwood Heights Scout Club - \$8,000 for disability access.
- Parkwood Rotary Club - \$10,000 for remaining funding required to complete the installation of a shade cover at Arundel State School.
- Little Souls Taking Big Steps Limited - \$3,000 to assist with supplies for facility upgrades.
- Southport Girl Guides - \$2,000 for new IT and kitchen equipment.
- Arundel Park Riding for the Disabled - \$2,000 to assist with programs that help members gain confidence and physical skills.

Parkwood East station

Local residents will have easy access into the Parkwood East station via Henry Cotton Drive and the shared pedestrian and cycle path linking the Gold Coast University Hospital precinct and Driftwood Park located east of Jamieson Drive, Parkwood.

Parkwood East station will also include a small landscaped plaza.

This station will not have a dedicated park ‘n’ ride facility or taxi bay provisions. People wishing to use park ‘n’ ride facilities may use the future 1000 car spaces at Parkwood station or the 400 car spaces at Helensvale station.

A new intermediate bus stop will be placed along Henry Cotton Drive at the station precinct entrance (south side) and the existing bus stop on the northern side will be upgraded.

KEY FEATURES OF PARKWOOD EAST STATION:

- Station platform to match Stage 1 design.
- Centre island platform with passenger shelter and seating.
- CCTV security cameras and emergency help points are monitored 24/7.
- Passenger information displays on the platform.
- Bike racks for casual cycle storage, and a water bubbler.
- go card validation readers along the platform.
- Open landscaped area.



ARTIST'S IMPRESSION OF PARKWOOD EAST STATION

PARKWOOD EAST STATION ACCESSIBILITY:

- An inclined ramp to the platform.
- Anti-slip surfaces, tactile ground surface indicators and hearing loops.
- Cross falls on the platform to prevent wheeled equipment, such as prams and wheelchairs from rolling towards the platform edge.



OLSEN AVENUE LOOKING NORTH TOWARDS GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY AND THE GOLD COAST UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL.



OLSEN AVENUE LOOKING SOUTH TOWARDS THE SMITH STREET MOTORWAY.



BIGGERA CREEK BRIDGE LOOKING WEST ALONG THE SMITH STREET MOTORWAY.



BIGGERA CREEK BRIDGE LOOKING WEST.



PARKWOOD EAST STATION.



CONSTRUCTION OF PARKWOOD EAST STATION IS WELL UNDERWAY.



August 2015
Reference design released and tender commences



March 2016
Successful contractor announced



Mid 2016
Construction commences following detailed design phase



Late 2016
Construction of noise barriers, retaining walls and stations commenced



January 2017
Track works commenced



March 2017
First rail laid



May 2017
Rail complete at intersections and overhead wire work underway

Late 2017
Track laying complete. Testing and commissioning commences

Early 2018
Stage 2 operational ahead of the GC2018 Games

Thanks again for your feedback

The second online stakeholder survey carried out from 6-21 April was sent to all those who have registered with us to receive regular updates from the project team. Once again, we received a large number of responses that have remained favourable regarding construction progress.

One of the topics that was raised by respondents was the 'at grade' (street level) crossing of Olsen Avenue and Napper Road. The Gold Coast light rail was designed as an 'at grade system' and its vehicles are not rated for travel in extended tunnels. The light rail system currently operating crosses more than 50 intersections at grade, including along the Gold Coast Highway and through Southport and Surfers Paradise Boulevard.

Respondents also asked about the construction of a pedestrian overpass from the park 'n' ride to the Parkwood station across Smith Street. The reference design for Stage 2 was finalised in 2015 and did not include a pedestrian overpass. Pedestrians will be able to access the station from the park 'n' ride via signalised crossings and a pedestrian overpass may be considered at a future time.

All feedback received will help us to continue to provide information that is useful and timely. Thank you to those who provided feedback and if you would like to participate in future surveys please register for updates at www.gclrstage2.com.au.



THE FUTURE PARKWOOD STATION AND PARK 'N' RIDE AT THE SMITH STREET AND NAPPER ROAD INTERSECTION.



THE LIGHT RAIL ALIGNMENT ADJACENT TO THE HEAVY RAIL LINE HEADING SOUTH-WEST ONTO SMITH STREET.

Project information

Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 2 involves the design and construction of a new 7.3km route which runs from Helensvale heavy rail station adjacent to the Gold Coast Line, then adjacent to the Smith Street Motorway to connect with Stage 1 at the Gold Coast University Hospital light rail station.

The \$420 million dollar project is being funded by the Queensland Government (\$270 million), the Australian Government (\$95 million) and City of Gold Coast (\$55 million).

GoldinQ and CPB Contractors have committed to completing the project in time for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

CONTACT THE PROJECT TEAM

If you have any questions or would like to register for more information, please contact the CPB Contractors Project Team on **1800 425 799*** or email **gclrstage2@cpbcon.com.au**.

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