

Active transport and community

Factsheet



Artist's impression: Oceanway at Palm Beach.

Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 will deliver a 13km extension south of the Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 3, linking Burleigh Heads to Coolangatta, via the Gold Coast Airport. The Queensland Government has committed \$1.5 million to undertake the *Gold Coast Highway (Tugun to Coolangatta) Multi-modal Corridor Study*. A further \$5 million jointly funded by Queensland Government and City of Gold Coast has been committed to undertake a Preliminary Business Case for Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 from Burleigh Heads to Coolangatta, via the Gold Coast Airport.

In 2020, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) completed the *Gold Coast Highway (Burleigh Heads to Tugun) Multi-modal Corridor Study* to review all previous planning and develop an updated transport strategy for this corridor that considers all modes of transport including walking, bicycle riding, public transport and private vehicles

Active transport

The Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 will provide the following active transport benefits:

- footpaths and bikeways built adjacent to and along the corridor providing more reasons to leave the car at home.
- easily accessible and longer-journey pathways increasing the number of people using active transport to travel to and from essential services, and cultural and urban attractions.
- an Oceanway linking our coastal suburbs and celebrating the iconic Gold Coast beaches.
- dedicated bridge crossings at Currumbin Creek and Tallebudgera Creek improving accessibility for pedestrians and bike riders.



Creating streetscapes and pathways that encourage walking rather than driving can help build healthier communities that rely less on cars to move around.

Connecting communities

A key objective of Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 is to make local neighbourhoods easier to get around. This includes providing a world class transport system and improving walking and bike riding connections.

Any decision to proceed with light rail in the corridor will require a viable active transport path to be built adjacent to and along the corridor, and an extension of the Oceanway would complement existing sections of this popular public facility.

TMR has allocated \$1.5 million of additional funding to complete a Business Case for a new section of the Oceanway through Currumbin, which will include a new bike and pedestrian bridge over Currumbin Creek. This planning work is expected to commence in late 2021 with completion in early 2023. The community will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the project.

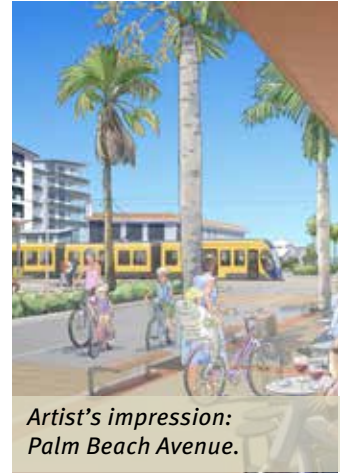
Further planning will investigate the section of Oceanway from Twenty-Eighth Avenue to the Palm Beach Parklands.

Community spaces and local character

Community identity is an important aspect to the overall feel of a suburb and the local community who live there. Planning for future transport demands includes identifying opportunities to innovate and improve community spaces through urban design.

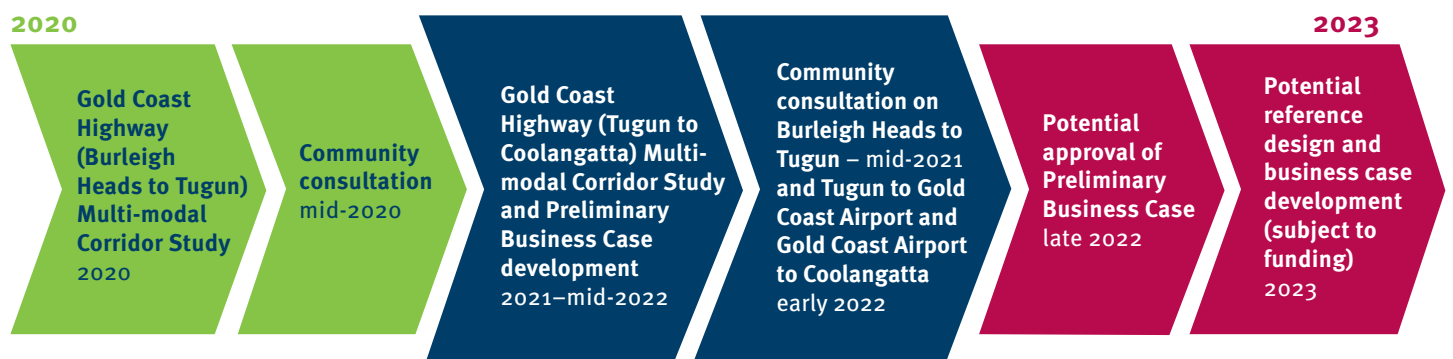
The *Gold Coast Highway (Burleigh Heads to Tugun) Multi-modal Corridor Study* identified opportunities to transform the Gold Coast Highway between Burleigh Heads and Tugun into a high amenity, community focused and pedestrian friendly boulevard. This could be achieved by creating:

- new connection roads and traffic redistribution so the intersection of Palm Beach Avenue, Gold Coast Highway and Cypress Avenue can be transformed into a pedestrian friendly precinct
- a precinct that increases the opportunity for street front dining, shopping and urban revitalisation
- on-street parking designed to support and enliven commercial activity
- creating new employment opportunities within comfortable walking distance to stations
- urban design and landscaping features that celebrate community spaces and local character.



Artist's impression:
Palm Beach Avenue.

Project timeline



Get involved and have your say

The Department of Transport and Main Roads will be consulting on the Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 planning from mid-2021 to mid-2022.

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 the first round of consultation for the Burleigh Heads to Tugun section.

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

Contact us

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