

Gold Coast Rapid Transit project email update

Invitation for Expression of Interest out to industry

The project achieved a significant milestone on Friday 4 December 2009 with the commencement of the Expression of Interest for the Operator Franchise Public Private Partnership (PPP) process.

The light rail project has the support of three levels of government and has received \$949 million in public funding including \$464 million from the Queensland Government, \$365 million from the Commonwealth Government and \$120 million from Gold Coast City Council.

Registrations for the Expressions of Interest for the Operator Franchise PPP will remain open until 24 February 2010. The closing date for submissions is 5 March 2010.

The Operator Franchise PPP will be a 25-35 year partnership for the operation and maintenance, finance, design, construction and provision of light rail vehicles for Stage One.

Gold Coast University Hospital station

In our last update the project reported on the early works for the station 'shell' on Parklands Drive Southport between the Gold Coast University Hospital and Griffith University Campus. This first package of work is to construct the roof and walls of the station shell, as part of stage two in 2013 a full station fit-out will be completed by the operator of the rapid transit system.

The Request for Proposal invitation was released on 18 November 2009. The response from industry has confirmed the high level of interest in the project with 75 companies registering for documentation by close of business on 7 December 2009. The Request for Proposal invitation closes on Friday 11 December 2009.

Gold Coast Rapid Transit property letters

The project is seeking to minimise impacts on the community where ever possible. A public transport project of this size will require land along the corridor, the project team has identified a mix of residential, commercial and government owned land that will be impacted.

During 2007 and 2008 the Gold Coast Rapid Transit project team consulted with owners of potentially affected properties along the Stage One corridor including writing to all impacted property owners and commercial lessees identified at the time to update them on the status of the project, to confirm property requirements and to advise the expected time frames for the land resumption process.

The formal resumption of property will be undertaken in a staged process commencing in February 2010

Christmas office closure

The Gold Coast Rapid Transit project office Christmas closure will be from midday Thursday 24 December 2009, the office will reopen on Monday 4 January 2010. The project team would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.