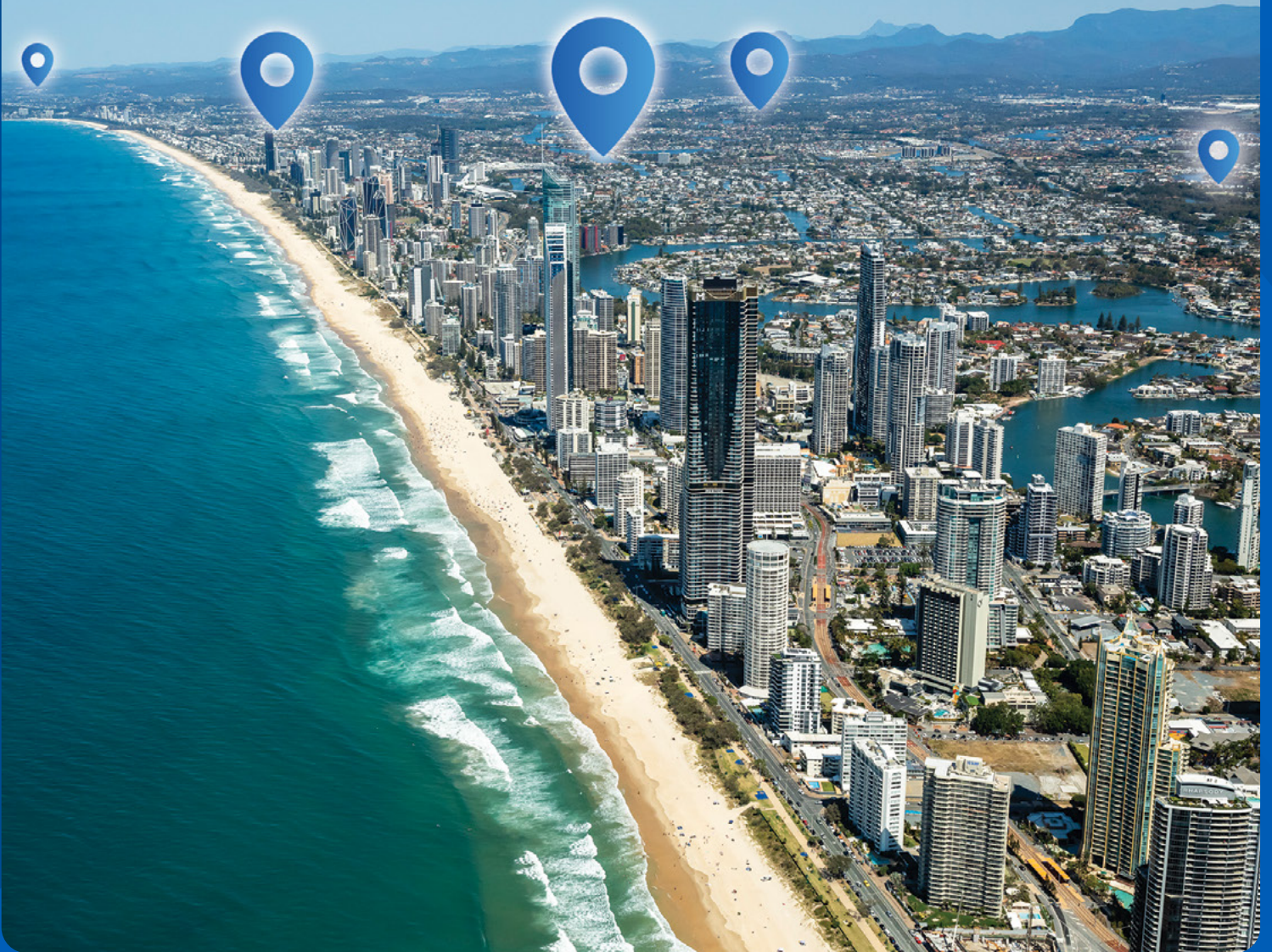


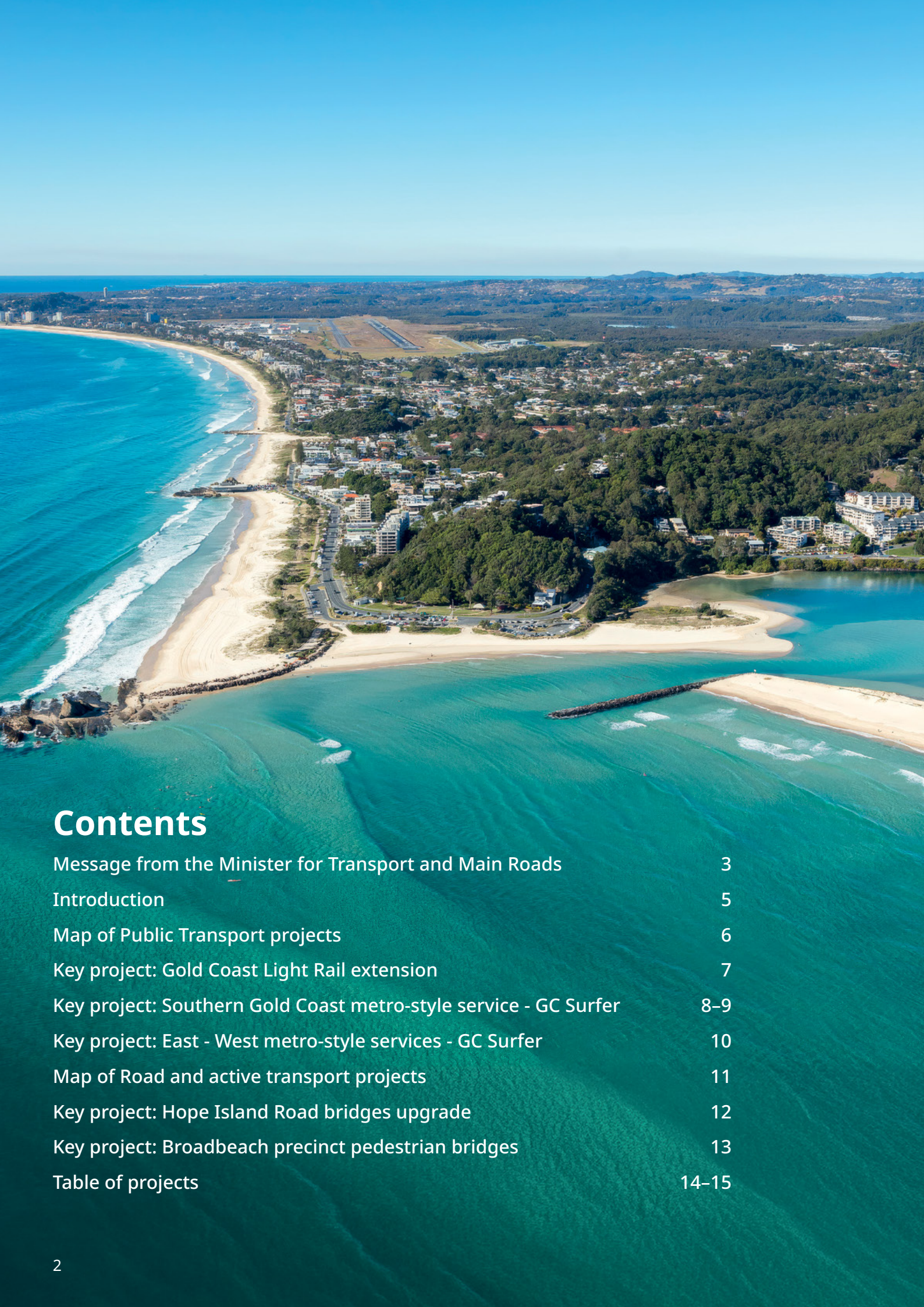
GOLD COAST TRANSPORT PLAN



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Message from the Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Building a connected, sustainable and future-ready Gold Coast

The Queensland Government is leading a transformative journey to deliver a world-class transport network that will shape the future of the Gold Coast.

The Gold Coast Transport Plan represents the largest transport investment in the region's history.

We will deliver transport projects right across the Gold Coast—from the Northern to the Southern end of the Gold Coast and extending west of the Pacific Motorway (M1). These transformative projects represent a bold step forward in delivering crucial infrastructure and transport upgrades that will reduce congestion and improve connectivity.

The Plan is designed to meet the needs of a growing population, support the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and create a legacy for generations to come.

We will deliver enhanced, reliable and inclusive public transport services, road upgrades to support these services and active transport upgrades to meet the Gold Coast community's transport needs before, during and after the Games.

Transport planning and delivery will balance Games-time transport demands, while supporting long-term transport network requirements. Key projects will be accelerated, including delivery of the Gold Coast Light Rail extension to Biggera Waters (Harbour Town) and providing a Southern Gold Coast high-frequency, metro-style

service from Robina to Coolangatta via Burleigh Heads and the Gold Coast Airport, called the GC Surfer.

"The Gold Coast Transport Plan is more than just infrastructure—it's about enhancing the vibrancy, connectivity and liveability of the Gold Coast."

Other key projects include East-West metro-style GC Surfer service including a Central Gold Coast high-frequency, metro-style service, to improve access to key sport and entertainment venues including Carrara Stadium (People First Stadium), the Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre and the Gold Coast Convention Centre which will support delivery of the Games. A high-frequency Robina to Miami metro-style GC Surfer service will improve connectivity to Bond University and emerging destinations in Miami. Duplicating the Hope Island Road bridges at Jabiru Island and delivering new pedestrian bridges connecting Broadbeach's key shopping and entertainment destinations are also priority projects.

The Gold Coast Transport Plan aligns with the Queensland Government's 2032 Delivery Plan, focusing on implementing and delivering what is required for the Gold Coast for 2032 and beyond.

The Honourable Brent Mickelberg MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads



GC Surfer (Artist's impression only)

Introduction

Delivering a connected and future-ready Gold Coast

At the heart of this plan are key transport projects that will redefine how people move across the region:

- **Gold Coast Light Rail Extension:**
Expanding the light rail network from Gold Coast University Hospital to Biggera Waters (Harbour Town), adding three stations and new light rail vehicles, to enhance connectivity and reduce congestion.
- **Southern Gold Coast Metro-Style Service - GC Surfer:**
A high-frequency service connecting Robina to Coolangatta via Varsity Lakes, Burleigh Heads and Gold Coast Airport, supported by improvements along the Gold Coast Highway at Palm Beach and Bilinga.
- **East - West Metro Style Services:**
 - **Central Gold Coast Metro-style Service – GC Surfer** will improve access to key sports and entertainment venues including the Gold Coast sports precinct. The service will be supported by Nerang-Broadbeach Road improvements.
 - **Robina to Miami Metro-style Service - GC Surfer** will provide a high-frequency metro-style service between Robina and Miami, improving connectivity to Bond University and emerging destinations in Miami.
- **Hope Island Road Bridges Duplication:**
Two new bridges at Jabiru Island, easing congestion and improving safety.
- **Broadbeach Precinct Pedestrian Bridges:** New pedestrian crossings linking Broadbeach's entertainment and shopping precincts, including the Gold Coast Convention Centre, Casino, Pacific Fair

Shopping Centre and the Gold Coast Light Rail.

In addition to the key projects, the plan includes a range of supporting initiatives including:

- **Heavy rail extension planning** from Varsity Lakes to Gold Coast Airport, ensuring the long-term viability of this critical transport link.
- **Increased heavy rail service frequencies** between Brisbane and Varsity Lakes, unlocking the benefits of the Cross River Rail and Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail projects and offering faster connections and improved efficiency.
- **Coomera Connector Stage 2 and Pacific Motorway (M1 Interchange) upgrades** addressing congestion and improving traffic flow.

Explore this brochure to discover how these initiatives will transform the region—delivering a transport network that connects people and supports growth.

Gold Coast Transport Plan—Public Transport





The proposed Musgrave Avenue light rail station will provide improved access to Southport Sharks Club and the Gold Coast Hockey Centre (Artist's impression only)

Gold Coast Light Rail Extension

Connecting Gold Coast University Hospital to Biggera Waters

The Gold Coast Light Rail network is set to expand with a 3.2-kilometre line extension connecting the Gold Coast University Hospital in Southport to the Harbour Town shopping precinct in Biggera Waters. Running along Labrador–Carrara Road (Olsen Avenue) and Hope Island Road (Oxley Drive), this project supports the Queensland Government's 2032 Delivery Plan by enhancing transport infrastructure ahead of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The extension will include three new stations (Musgrave Avenue, Labrador and Biggera Waters), additional light rail vehicles and essential light rail depot upgrades to ensure seamless operations. This expansion will improve public transport options, reduce congestion and provide a sustainable, future-ready travel solution for residents and visitors, helping to deliver a world-class transport network for the Games and beyond.



Southern Gold Coast metro-style service - GC Surfer

Connecting Robina to Coolangatta via Burleigh Heads and Gold Coast Airport

The Gold Coast is set to benefit from a new high-frequency, 10-minute metro-style service connecting Robina, Varsity Lakes, Burleigh Heads, Gold Coast Airport and Coolangatta called the GC Surfer. This innovative service will deliver a modern, efficient and sustainable transport solution, tailored to meet the region's growing needs. Featuring modern vehicles, the service combines both spaciousness and accessibility. Supported by priority intersection improvements along the

Gold Coast Highway, a new integrated transport interchange at Gold Coast Airport and services running west of Burleigh to Varsity Lakes and Robina, the GC Surfer will provide fast and reliable travel. With enhanced accessibility features, it will also promote greater mobility and inclusion for all passengers. This project represents a shift towards smarter public transport, ensuring the Gold Coast remains connected and future-ready.



A proposed Gold Coast Airport integrated public transport interchange will connect passengers to destinations north along the Gold Coast Highway or south to Coolangatta via a high-frequency, metro-style service (Artist's impression only)



A high-frequency, metro-style GC Surfer service, along with a new stop and a pedestrian overpass over Nerang-Broadbeach Road, will improve access to Carrara Stadium (People First Stadium) and the Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre (Artist's impression only)

East-West metro-style services - GC Surfer

Central Gold Coast metro-style service - GC Surfer:

A new Central Gold Coast high-frequency, 15-minute, metro-style GC Surfer service will improve access to key sports and entertainment venues on the Gold Coast, including Carrara Stadium (People First Stadium), the Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre and the Gold Coast Convention Centre. Travelling along Nerang-Broadbeach Road, the service will provide a fast and efficient public transport option along this critical corridor.

This service will ensure the Gold Coast is well-prepared to accommodate increased demand during the Games, while leaving a lasting legacy of improved transport infrastructure for the Central Gold Coast community and those attending the sports precinct.

The new GC Surfer service will be supported by a new pedestrian overpass, ensuring safe movement for people walking between

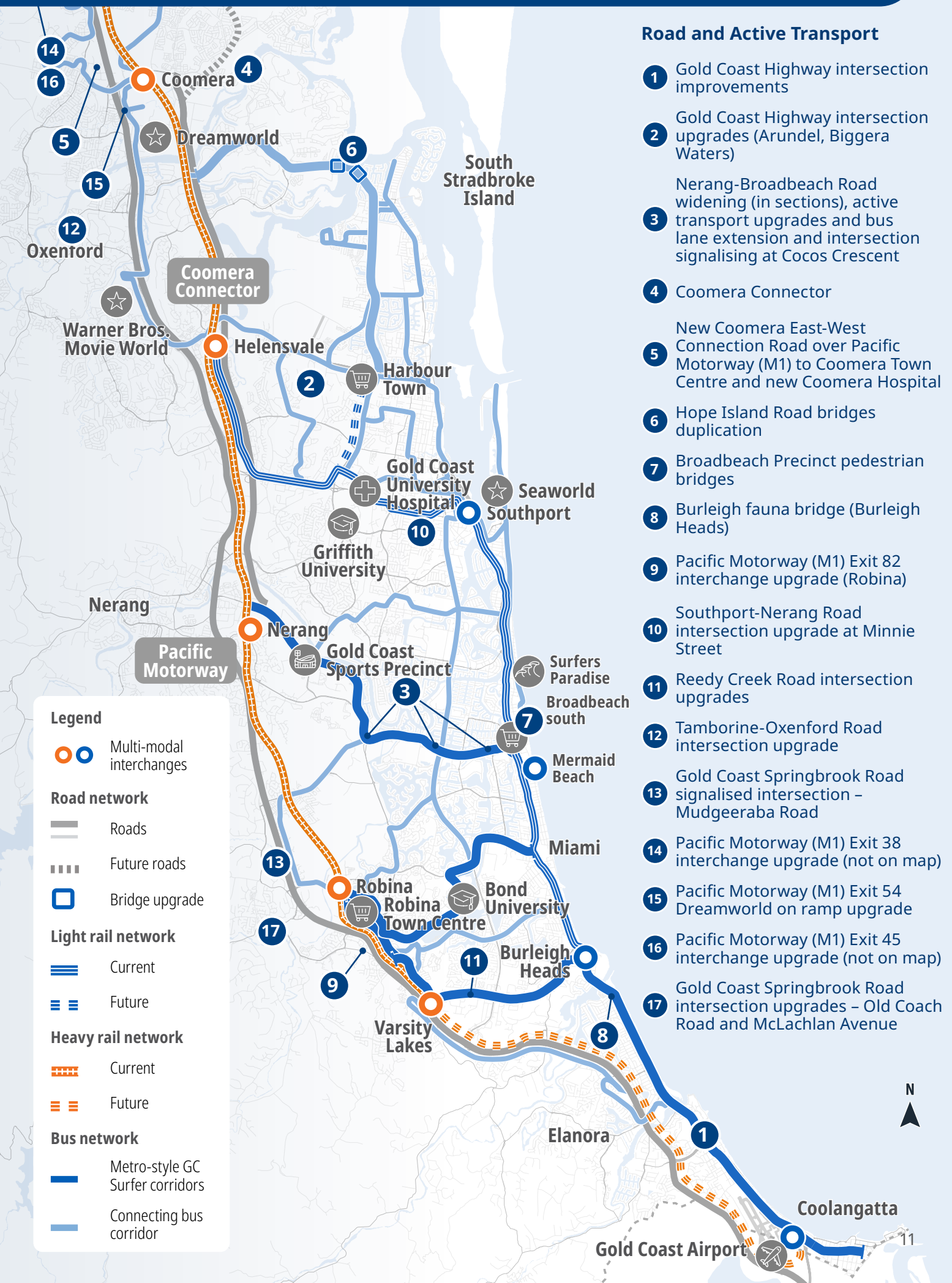
adjacent parking and sports facilities at Carrara, widening Nerang-Broadbeach Road from four to six lanes in sections, widening Dunlops Canal Bridge at Broadbeach and extending bus lanes and signalling Cocos Crescent intersection. Upgraded active transport facilities along the corridor will enhance safety and connectivity for pedestrians and bike riders.

The Central GC Surfer service, together with Nerang-Broadbeach Road upgrades will ensure fast, reliable and smarter public transport travel.

Robina to Miami metro-style service - GC Surfer:

A high-frequency, 15-minute, Robina to Miami metro-style service. The Robina to Miami service will improve connectivity to Bond University and emerging destinations in Miami.

Gold Coast Transport Plan—Road and Active Transport



Hope Island Road Bridges Duplication

Enhancing Connectivity and Active Lifestyles

The Hope Island Road Bridges project at Jabiru Island will deliver two new bridges, including the duplication of the 236-metre Coombabah Creek Bridge and the 194-metre flood relief channel bridge. This vital upgrade will complete the missing four-lane carriageway link on Hope Island Road, significantly reducing traffic congestion, particularly at the Crescent Avenue intersection. The project will also enhance safety and accessibility with a new signalised four-lane intersection providing improved

access to Jabiru Island Park and its boat ramp facilities, supporting recreational activities and boosting tourism. Pedestrians and bike riders will benefit from separated shared paths on the new bridges and road sections, promoting active transport options for locals and visitors alike. By improving connectivity, travel reliability and access to key recreational areas, this project ensures our growing region is ready to meet future demands.



New bridges on either side of Jabiru Island will help improve connectivity, expand traffic lanes and provide new shared paths for people walking and bike riders (Artist's impression only)



An overpass bridge spanning the Gold Coast Highway will provide safe and convenient pedestrian access to Broadbeach South Light Rail Station, enhancing connectivity and supporting active transport options (Artist's impression only)

Broadbeach Precinct Pedestrian Bridges

Safely Connecting Key Entertainment and Shopping Destinations

The Broadbeach Precinct Pedestrian Bridges project will deliver new pedestrian bridges, creating vital connections within the Broadbeach entertainment and shopping area. These bridges will link the Broadbeach precinct's key destinations, including the Gold Coast Convention Centre, Casino, Pacific Fair Shopping Centre and Gold Coast Light Rail.

The bridges will offer a seamless, safe and convenient way for residents and visitors to navigate one of the Gold Coast's busiest precincts.

By improving walkability and reducing traffic congestion, the project supports sustainable and active transport options while complementing the broader Gold Coast Transport Plan. This project is a key step in creating a connected, vibrant and future-ready Gold Coast, ensuring the region is prepared for 2032 and beyond.

Gold Coast Transport Plan—Projects Table		
Projects	Location	Description
Public Transport		
Southern Gold Coast - GC Surfer	Robina, Varsity Lakes, Burleigh Heads, Coolangatta	A 10-minute high-frequency, metro-style service between Robina–Burleigh Heads–Gold Coast Airport–Coolangatta including new vehicles.
Robina to Miami - GC Surfer*	Robina, Miami	A 15-minute high-frequency, metro-style service between Robina and Miami to support east-west connections including new vehicles.
Central Gold Coast - GC Surfer	Nerang, Carrara, Clear Island Waters, Broadbeach Waters, Broadbeach	A 15-minute high-frequency, metro-style service between Nerang and Broadbeach, including new vehicles, to support Olympic venues at Carrara Stadium (People First Stadium), Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre and the Gold Coast Convention Centre, Broadbeach.
New bus service	Hope Island, Merrimac	A 30-minute frequency bus service for the Hope Island and Merrimac train stations.
New depot	Varsity Lakes	New depot proposed at Varsity Lakes to support the new metro-style services.
Gold Coast Airport transport interchange	Gold Coast Airport, Bilinga	Transport interchange within the Gold Coast Airport precinct to service a new high-frequency, metro-style service.
Bus stop upgrades	Palm Beach, Robina, Miami, Varsity Lakes, Tugun, Carrara	New or upgraded bus stops to support the new metro-style service.
Carrara Stadium (People First Stadium) station	Carrara	Stop upgrades and pedestrian overpass to support the new high-frequency, metro-style service and ensure safe movement of pedestrians. To be delivered in partnership with City of Gold Coast.
Public Transport—Light Rail		
Gold Coast Light Rail–Gold Coast University Hospital–Biggera Waters*	Southport, Labrador, Biggera Waters	A 3.2-kilometre extension of the Gold Coast Light Rail network between the Gold Coast University Hospital and Biggera Waters (Harbour Town) along Labrador–Carrara Road (Olsen Avenue) and Hope Island Road (Oxley Drive). Including three stations (Musgrave Avenue, Labrador and Biggers Waters) and new light rail vehicles as well as light rail depot upgrades.
Public Transport–Heavy Rail		
Heavy rail extension (planning)	Varsity Lakes, Tallebudgera, Elanora, Tugun, Bilinga	Investigation and protection (planning) of an extension south of the Heavy Rail line from Varsity Lakes to Gold Coast Airport, Bilinga.
Increased train frequencies	Gold Coast	Increasing heavy rail service frequencies (every 15 minutes) between Brisbane and Varsity Lakes, including high-frequency peak services and all-day frequent services unlocking the benefits from the significant investment in the Cross River Rail and Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail projects.
Road Upgrades		
Gold Coast Highway intersection improvements to support new metro-style service	Burleigh Heads to Bilinga	Intersection improvements on the Gold Coast Highway between Burleigh Heads and Bilinga to allow service priority.
Gold Coast Highway intersection upgrades between Helensvale and Biggera Waters to meet increasing demand	Arundel, Biggera Waters	Intersection upgrade at Pine Ridge Road to increase capacity between Coomera Connector and Arundel.

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Projects	Location	Description
Road Upgrades		
Burleigh fauna bridge	Burleigh Heads	Construction of a fauna overpass over the Gold Coast Highway, Burleigh Heads.
Pacific Motorway (M1) Exit 82 interchange upgrade*	Robina	Upgrade of the Pacific Motorway (M1) Exit 82 interchange at Robina.
Nerang–Broadbeach Road upgrades	Nerang, Carrara, Clear Island Waters, Broadbeach Waters, Broadbeach	Widen from four to six lanes between Nielsens Road and Gooding Drive to ease traffic congestion and support Olympic venues at Carrara Stadium (People First Stadium), Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre and the Gold Coast Convention Centre, Broadbeach. Widen Dunlops Canal Bridge at Broadbeach. Extend bus lanes and signalise Cocos Crescent intersection.
Intersection upgrade	Southport	Southport–Nerang Road intersection upgrade at Minnie Street.
Intersection upgrades	Burleigh Heads	Reedy Creek Road intersection upgrades between Taree Street and Kortum Drive.
Intersection upgrade	Oxenford	Tamborine–Oxenford Road signalised intersection at Riversdale Road and Regatta Avenue and widen to four lanes.
Intersection upgrade	Mudgeeraba	Gold Coast Springbrook Road signalised intersection at Mudgeeraba Road and Railway Street.
Intersection upgrades	Mudgeeraba	Gold Coast Springbrook Road intersection upgrades - Old Coach Road and McLachlan Avenue
Pacific Motorway (M1) Exit 38*	Yatala	Upgrade of the Pacific Motorway (M1) Exit 38 interchange of Yatala.
Hope Island Road bridges duplication	Paradise Point	Construction of two new bridges on Hope Island Road at Jabiru Island.
Coomera Connector Stage 2*	Coomera–Pimpama	Extend next priority 5-kilometre section between Shipper Drive, Coomera and Yawalpah Road, Pimpama to meet increasing demand.
Coomera East-West Connection Road*	Coomera	Construction of a new east-west road over the Pacific Motorway (M1) to provide alternative access road to Coomera Town Centre and new Coomera Hospital.
Pacific Motorway (M1) Exit 54/Dreamworld on ramp upgrade*	Coomera	Upgrading the Pacific Motorway (M1) Exit 54 on ramp intersection (Dreamworld).
Pacific Motorway (M1) Exit 45*	Ormeau	Upgrading the Pacific Motorway (M1) Exit 45 Ormeau interchange
Active Transport		
New pedestrian bridge/s*	Broadbeach	New grade-separated pedestrian bridge/s connecting the Casino, Broadbeach South Light Rail Station, Gold Coast Convention Centre, Pacific Fair shopping precinct and over the Gold Coast Highway.
Active transport paths	Nerang to Broadbeach	Active transport upgrades along Nerang–Broadbeach Road to support Olympic venues at Carrara Stadium (People First Stadium) and Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre.

**Subject to negotiation with funding partners.*



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