



Hon Rachel Nolan MP
Member for Ipswich



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Office of the
Minister for Transport

Your ref: Petitions

9 JUL 2010

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
Corner Alice and George Streets
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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil*

I refer to a petition number 1337-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Ros Bates MP, Member for Mudgeraba, on 9 May 2010 about the improvement of bus services on the Gold Coast.

The Bligh Government is committed to public transport on the Gold Coast and has vastly improved rail and bus services in recent years.

In 1980, Surfside Bus Lines operated five bus routes and carried approximately 300 000 people per year. Today, Surfside Bus Lines operates 53 bus routes on the TransLink network and moves 15 million passengers per year. In the last five years the Bligh Government has purchased 117 new buses and 77 replacement buses on the Gold Coast network. Also in this time over \$15 million has been spent on bus service improvements, an increase of 95%.

Most recently, a bus service improvement package totalling \$740 000 per annum for the Southern Gold Coast commenced on 28 June 2010. The service improvement package includes the following:

- faster travel time and more direct service to the heavy rail network for passengers travelling from south of The Pines
- increased number of feeder bus routes to Varsity Lakes rail station
- increased feeder bus services on the western side of the station to Varsity Lakes rail station
- improved access to the Gold Coast Airport at Coolangatta (new route 761), including connections between the heavy rail network and airport, inducing demand and instigating travel patterns to replicate a future heavy rail extension to Elanora and eventually Coolangatta
- six new low-floor air-conditioned buses, funded by the Queensland Government
- an additional 238 services per week capable of carrying up to 15 470 passengers per week (13 000 seated and 2470 standing passengers)

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TransLink has also released a new timetable for route 702 operating to the Gold Coast Hospital. These services will operate every 30 minutes Monday to Sunday. I have enclosed a copy of the timetable for route 702 for your information.

The Bligh Government has also massively increased the frequency of services on the Gold Coast rail line to deliver approximately a 15 minute level of service across the peak period. This has been enabled by \$700 million worth of investment including:

- Helensvale to Robina duplication (\$72 million) - completed 2008/09.
- Salisbury to Kuraby third track (\$256 million) - completed 2008/09.
- Ormeau to Coomera duplication (\$22 million) - completed 2006/07.
- Robina to Varsity Lakes (\$342 million) - opened on Monday, 14 December 2009.

This is in addition to nearly \$1 billion being invested to purchase 64 new three carriage trains, which are rolling off the production line at a rate of one per month.

This enormous investment has delivered for the Gold Coast.

In 2005 there were five services in the AM Peak period, including four 6-car services and one 3-car service. In 2010 this has increased to eight services, all of which are 6-car services. This represents approximately an 80% increase in AM peak capacity on the Gold Coast line between 2005 and 2010.

In 2005 there were five services in the PM Peak period, including four 6-car services and one 3-car service. In 2010 this has increased to nine services, all of which are 6-car services. This represents a doubling (100% increase) of PM peak capacity on the Gold Coast line between 2005 and 2010.

Finally, the Bligh Government is investing \$1 billion to construct the Gold Coast Rapid Transit Project. This will transform public transport on the Gold Coast.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



RACHEL NOLAN MP
Minister for Transport

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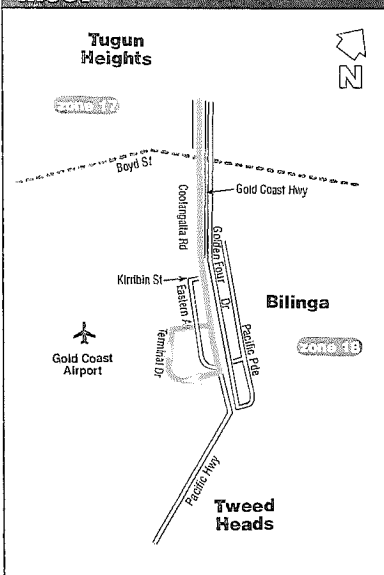
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route 702

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 Gold Coast Airport

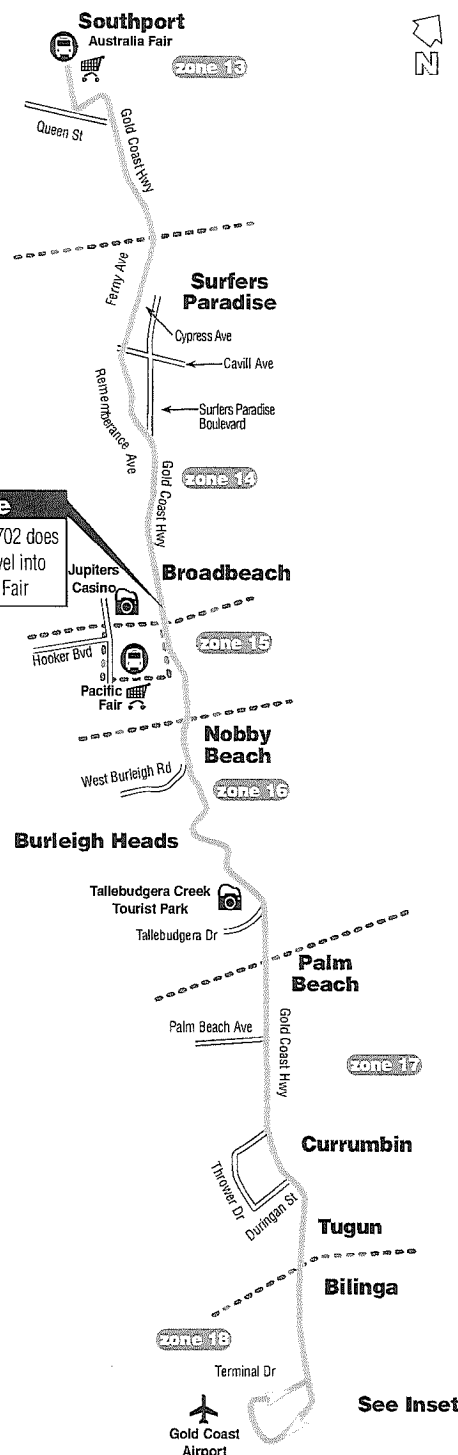
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Note

Route 702 does not travel into Pacific Fair



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TRANSLink ticket types

Ticket type	Where to buy tickets				
	Selected go card agents and on the TransLink website	Surfside Bus Lines and other TransLink bus operators	QR selected stations	TransLink fare machines	Selected ticket agents
TransLink go card A smart card that stores value for travel on TransLink services.	✓	*	✓	*	
TransLink single # One-way ticket to reach your destination (not return). Final transfers must be made within two hours of ticket issue.		✓	✓	✓	✓
TransLink daily Unlimited travel until the last service scheduled on the day of issue.		✓	✓	✓	✓
TransLink off-peak daily Discounted unlimited travel on weekdays between 9am and 3.30pm and after 7pm, and all day on weekends and gazetted public holidays, valid on the day of issue.		✓	✓	✓	✓
TransLink weekly Unlimited travel for one week from the date shown on the ticket.		✓ ^	✓		✓
TransLink monthly Unlimited travel for one calendar month from the date of issue.			✓		✓
TransLink group Group daily, off-peak daily & single tickets for groups travelling to the same destination. One ticket only will be issued.		✓	✓		

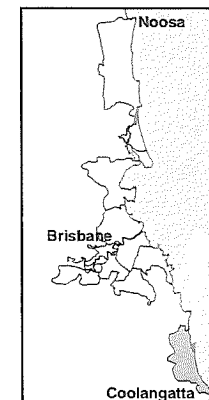
Proof of concession entitlement must be presented upon request or full fare will be charged. Please visit www.translink.com.au for more information including where to buy a go card, or call TransLink on 13 12 30.

- * - Top up an existing go card only ^ - Excludes Brisbane Transport
- # - Further conditions apply for single tickets. Passengers travelling through 11 zones or more will have their final transfer time extended a further 90 minutes in addition to the two hours.

route 702 Southport to Gold Coast Airport via Burleigh Heads

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 Southport
 Surfers Paradise
 Mermaid Beach
 Miami
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 Palm Beach
 Gold Coast Airport

effective 14 December 2009



your Gold Coast bus operator



Airport to Southport

Servicing Gold Coast Airport, Palm Beach, Burleigh Heads, Broadbeach, Miami, Mermaid Beach, Surfers Paradise & Southport

Monday to Sunday

major stops	am										Service runs every 30 minutes
Gold Coast Airport	5.23	5.52	6.22	6.52	7.22	7.52	8.22	8.52	9.22	9.52	
Gold Coast Hwy-Palm Beach Ave	5.32	6.01	6.31	7.01	7.31	8.01	8.31	9.01	9.31	10.01	
Burleigh Heads	5.40	6.10	6.39	7.10	7.40	8.10	8.40	9.10	9.40	10.10	
Gold Coast Hwy & Christine Ave	5.44	6.14	6.44	7.15	7.45	8.15	8.45	9.15	9.45	10.15	
Nobby Beach Shopping Centre	5.48	6.18	6.49	7.20	7.50	8.20	8.50	9.20	9.50	10.20	
Gold Coast Hwy & Hooker Blvd	5.53	6.23	6.55	7.25	7.55	8.25	8.55	9.25	9.55	10.25	
Gold Coast Convention Centre	5.56	6.26	6.58	7.29	7.59	8.29	8.59	9.29	9.59	10.29	
Surfers Paradise	6.05	6.35	7.08	7.39	8.09	8.39	9.09	9.39	10.09	10.39	
Southport opp Australia Fair	6.16	6.46	7.21	7.52	8.22	8.52	9.22	9.52	10.22	10.52	
Southport Transit Centre	6.18	6.49	7.24	7.55	8.25	8.55	9.25	9.55	10.25	10.55	

Monday to Sunday continued

major stops	pm										Service runs every 30 minutes
Gold Coast Airport	4.22	4.52	5.22	5.52	6.22	6.52	7.22	7.52	8.22	8.52	
Gold Coast Hwy-Palm Beach Ave	4.31	5.01	5.31	6.01	6.31	7.01	7.31	8.01	8.31	9.01	
Burleigh Heads	4.40	5.10	5.40	6.10	6.40	7.10	7.39	8.09	8.39	9.09	
Gold Coast Hwy & Christine Ave	4.45	5.15	5.45	6.15	6.45	7.14	7.43	8.13	8.43	9.12	
Nobby Beach Shopping Centre	4.50	5.20	5.50	6.20	6.50	7.18	7.47	8.17	8.47	9.15	
Gold Coast Hwy & Hooker Blvd	4.55	5.25	5.55	6.25	6.55	7.22	7.51	8.21	8.51	9.18	
Gold Coast Convention Centre	4.59	5.29	5.59	6.29	6.59	7.25	7.54	8.24	8.54	9.21	
Surfers Paradise	5.09	5.39	6.09	6.39	7.09	7.34	8.03	8.33	9.03	9.28	
Southport opp Australia Fair	5.22	5.52	6.22	6.52	7.22	7.45	8.14	8.44	9.14	9.37	
Southport Transit Centre	5.25	5.55	6.25	6.55	7.25	7.47	8.16	8.46	9.16	9.39	

Southport to Airport

Servicing Southport, Surfers Paradise, Mermaid Beach, Miami, Broadbeach, Burleigh Heads, Palm Beach & Gold Coast Airport

Monday to Sunday

major stops	am										Service runs every 30 minutes
Southport Transit Centre	4.02	4.32	5.02	5.32	6.02	6.32	7.02	7.32	8.02	8.32	
Southport Australia Fair	4.06	4.36	5.06	5.36	6.06	6.38	7.09	7.39	8.09	8.39	
Surfers Paradise	4.15	4.45	5.15	5.45	6.15	6.49	7.22	7.52	8.22	8.52	
Gold Coast Convention Centre	4.23	4.53	5.23	5.53	6.23	6.58	7.32	8.02	8.32	9.02	
Gold Coast Hwy & Hooker Blvd	4.25	4.55	5.25	5.55	6.25	7.01	7.35	8.05	8.35	9.05	
Nobby Beach Shopping Centre	4.28	4.58	5.28	5.59	6.29	7.05	7.39	8.09	8.39	9.09	
Gold Coast Hwy & Christine Ave	4.33	5.03	5.33	6.04	6.34	7.10	7.44	8.14	8.44	9.14	
Burleigh Heads	4.34	5.04	5.34	6.07	6.37	7.15	7.49	8.19	8.49	9.19	
Gold Coast Hwy-Palm Beach Ave	4.41	5.11	5.41	6.14	6.45	7.24	7.58	8.28	8.58	9.28	
Gold Coast Airport	4.50	5.20	5.50	6.23	6.54	7.33	8.07	8.37	9.07	9.37	

Monday to Sunday continued

major stops	pm										Service runs every 30 minutes
Southport Transit Centre	4.32	5.02	5.32	6.02	6.25	7.03	7.33	8.02	8.32	9.02	
Southport Australia Fair	4.39	5.09	5.39	6.09	6.32	7.09	7.39	8.08	8.38	9.08	
Surfers Paradise	4.52	5.22	5.52	6.22	6.45	7.20	7.50	8.19	8.49	9.19	
Gold Coast Convention Centre	5.02	5.32	6.02	6.32	6.55	7.29	7.59	8.28	8.58	9.28	
Gold Coast Hwy & Hooker Blvd	5.05	5.35	6.05	6.35	6.58	7.32	8.02	8.31	9.01	9.31	
Nobby Beach Shopping Centre	5.09	5.39	6.09	6.39	7.02	7.35	8.05	8.34	9.04	9.34	
Gold Coast Hwy & Christine Ave	5.14	5.44	6.14	6.44	7.07	7.40	8.10	8.39	9.09	9.39	
Burleigh Heads	5.19	5.49	6.19	6.49	7.12	7.43	8.13	8.42	9.12	9.42	
Gold Coast Hwy-Palm Beach Ave	5.28	5.58	6.28	6.58	7.21	7.51	8.21	8.50	9.20	9.50	
Gold Coast Airport	5.37	6.07	6.37	7.07	7.30	8.00	8.30	8.59	9.29	9.59	

Due to unforeseen circumstances, details on this timetable may change. For the latest public transport information, please visit www.translink.com.au or call TransLink on 13 12 30.

explanations

- – Journey does not travel via this location.
- am – Journeys operating in the morning.
- pm – Journeys operating in the afternoon and evening.

*weekends & public holidays

Generally, a weekend timetable will operate on most gazetted public holidays. Please visit www.translink.com.au or call 13 12 30 for confirmation of public holiday timetables.