

APPENDIX A



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Project Description Form

Please complete the following information and supply with images and other submission material after entering your details via the online entry system.

Entry number (this will be provided by the online entry system)

Statement of Achievement (maximum of 500 words)

The Gold Coast Rapid Transit Corridor Study 'GCRT 2031' provides a truly integrated strategy framework to reposition Australia's sixth largest city.

The study provides clear development recommendations for 2000 linear hectares of the city surrounding the Gold Coast's new light rail system, designed to achieve maximum economic, lifestyle and sustainability benefits from this significant investment in transport infrastructure.

Building on the Gold Coast community's 'Bold Future' vision, GCRT 2031 reconsiders the city's planning controls from the ground up. The study is guided by a city-wide appreciation for the future form, structure and function of the Gold Coast. It establishes a shared vision and growth framework for the city's most intensively urbanised areas, including the iconic coastal strip.

Working closely with the Gold Coast City Council, the study led by HASSELL wrestled with the challenges of integrating 'transit' into the living urban environment; employing a highly-inclusive and multidisciplinary approach to contemplate radically different design responses to the context of each precinct in the corridor.

Rigorous examination of place ensured landscape architecture was at the forefront of design thinking. This included typological and transect approaches to understand current conditions and opportunities, such as examining the connections to the water edges, the public realm and streetscapes.

Nine key strategic ideas were devised to reposition the city in response to site-specific opportunities and the emerging challenges identified for the city. They are expressed as three primary areas for action, and the overarching idea that if we harness growth we can create: better streets, better buildings and better places – and ultimately a more liveable and sustainable Gold Coast.

The GCRT framework reconnects the discrete urban communities of the Gold Coast, providing greater choice for access and mobility. The study challenges the trend of traffic-dominated streets, reshaping

them for the enjoyment of people. It re-engages the city with its water edges and envisions a greener, cooler, better connected and more restorative public experience.

GCRT 2031 has been acknowledged as a milestone study in the evolution of integrated transport and land use planning. True collaboration between planners, landscape architects, architects, the council and community ensured that a critical and informed strategy for the Gold Coast was created. The study takes an evidence-based approach, and comprehensively explains the thinking behind its strategies graphically.

The evolving shape of this corridor will define the image of the Gold Coast into the future. Through best practice a guiding document has been created that is forward focused, sensitive to the existing environment, and design rich.

“Due to the rigour, collaborative approach and creative design thought that has been applied to the project by HASSELL, the GCRT Corridor Study will ensure that Council capitalises on the strategic investment of the light rail, whilst assisting in making the Gold Coast a world class city.” *Nick Tzannes, Gold Coast City Council*

Credits and Attributions (please list each person and company on a separate line). These will be included on any Award Certificate.

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Statutory planning – John Gaskell Planning <insert names of key people>

Perspective imagery – Doug and Wolf <insert names of key people>

Previous project phase:

Gold Coast Rapid Transit Corridor Study (Phase 1) – AECOM

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Supporting documentation (please label each additional item supplied and provide a number below to correspond)

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GCRT 2031: Gold Coast Rapid Transit Corridor Study
Prepared by HASELL for Gold Coast City Council, August 2011

02_SD_GCRT2031_HASELL

GCRT 2031: Gold Coast Rapid Transit Corridor Study Summary
Prepared by HASELL for Gold Coast City Council, May 2012