

Railway on line for 2010 completion

Money well spent

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GOLD Coasters can expect to see some significant progress in the construction of the Robina to Varsity Lakes rail extension next month.

In less than a month, a 300m road-over-rail bridge between Robina Town Centre and Somerset Drive will be completed and a wider Exit 82 roundabout will open on Robina Parkway, said site manager Carlton Brogan.

Queensland Rail will also unveil a model of the new rail structure at Robina Town Centre next month.

Mr Brogan said the road-widening provided a jump start to an upcoming State Government road upgrade.

“It made sense to get it done while we were working on that area,” he said.

“It’s all about spending the taxpayers money wisely.”

Mr Brogan said construction of

the rail corridor would be finished mid-year.

Work is halfway there with more than 375,000 tonnes of material removed in the past six months, he said.

By August, all the hardfill material will have been transported to a landfill site near Ipswich and thousands of tonnes of concrete will have been crushed on site and re-used as road base for haul roads.

The rail extension is expected to be up and running by 2010.



WORK IN PROGRESS ... work on the Varsity Lakes railway extension is powering ahead along Investigator Drive.