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Surfers foreshore set to surge ahead

Gold Coast Mayor Ron Clarke, has flagged the start up of the \$25 million Surfers Paradise foreshore redevelopment project.

“The managing contractor moves onto the foreshore area on Monday (1 February) to begin setting up its on site facilities.

“Within days equipment and workers from the Gold Coast will begin the job of creating a safer, more accessible public space and improving infrastructure for recreational activities and major events.

“We wanted to wait until the holiday period was over and students were back at school before moving onto the beach area.

Initial work will begin at the northern end of the Esplanade (between Elkhorn Avenue and the new Soul high-rise development).

Cr Clarke said he was delighted that most of the funding on the project would be spent locally and up to 80 per cent of the business and employees involved on the project would be locally based.

“At its peak, the project will employ between 80 and 100 workers.”

Cr Clarke said that \$20 million of the funding for the project would come from Council and \$5 million from the State Government.

“Our contribution was committed as part of a broader \$90 million economic stimulus package at the height of the world economic crisis last year.

“It is very gratifying to see the project about to take off.”

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