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6 MONTHLY TRAFFIC COUNTS – MARCH 2009

4% INCREASE IN TRAFFIC ACROSS BRISBANE RIVER

Average daily traffic increased by 4% in the past 12 months on five bridges crossing the Brisbane River, according to the latest traffic counts commissioned by RiverCity Motorway Group.

During March 2009, an average of 394,150 vehicles crossed the Gateway Bridge, Story Bridge, Captain Cook Bridge, William Jolly Bridge and Victoria Bridge per day, compared to 378,825 vehicles per day in March 2008.

Other key findings from the survey include:

- average daily traffic increased by 4.6% on the Gateway Bridge and 2.9% on the Captain Cook Bridge during the period, while traffic on the Story Bridge reduced by 0.5%;
- ongoing commercial and residential development in South Brisbane has seen average daily traffic increase by 15% on the William Jolly Bridge and 15.9% Victoria Bridge;
- roadwork at Woolloongabba associated with the CLEM7 and Boggo Road Busway appears to be affecting traffic volumes on Ipswich Road which are down by 8.4%;
- continuing roadwork at Bowen Hills associated with the CLEM7 and Northern Busway are likely to have contributed to a 2.9% reduction in daily traffic on Lutwyche Road;
- average daily traffic increased on Abbotsford Road (+3.1%), Pacific Motorway (+3.0%) and Wynnum Road (+2.0%); and
- growth during the off-peak is continuing as the morning and afternoon peaks reach capacity.

RiverCity Motorway Group Chairman, Bob Morris, said the Group was pleased to see overall traffic increase in the tunnel catchment despite the challenges of coping with construction works for the CLEM7, Airport Link, Northern Busway and Boggo Road Busway, as well as the current difficult economic climate.

Every six months RiverCity Motorway Group commissions traffic counts during a 2-week period on Brisbane's major river crossings and the tunnel's key feeder roads.

The most recent survey was completed between 16 and 29 March 2009.

Please see over for Average Daily Traffic data.

Average Daily Traffic (ADT)

Location	2005 ADT	2006 ADT	2007 ADT	Mar-08* ADT	Sept-08* ADT	Mar-09* ADT	% Change Mar-08 to Mar-09
North of the River							
Kingsford Smith Drive	-	-	-	64,906	63,502	64,417	-0.8%
Lutwyche Road	61,322	65,320	61,466	54,261	56,804	52,682	-2.9%
Abbotsford Road	49,646	51,905	53,179	54,898	54,069	56,592	3.1%
Inner City Bypass	68,468	-	-	69,442	69,450	68,527	-1.3%
South of the River							
Wynnum Road	46,465	46,502	45,635	48,495	47,556	49,462	2.0%
Ipswich Road	45,550	47,441	47,771	44,926	43,676	41,170	-8.4%
Pacific Motorway	-	-	-	106,845	105,633	110,071	3.0%
River Crossings							
Captain Cook Bridge	134,493	136,533	132,967	136,718	135,221	140,628	2.9%
Gateway Motorway	86,027	86,545	92,005	93,581 [#]	97,278	97,890	4.6%
Story Bridge	96,435	102,147	97,924	98,773	104,118	98,282	-0.5%
William Jolly Bridge	-	-	-	36,462	40,174	41,944	15.0%
Victoria Bridge	-	-	-	13,291	14,174	15,406	15.9%

*Traffic counts were completed over a 2 week period. They can be affected by specific incidents, seasonal factors, construction works and other variables and are accurate to +/- 10%.

[#] Average calculated from 34,157,000 tolled vehicles on Gateway Bridge reported in Qld Motorways Limited 2008 Annual Report.

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