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CLEM7 TRAFFIC VOLUMES FIRST 6 DAYS TOLL-FREE

An average of 66,765 vehicles per day used the Clem Jones Tunnel (CLEM7) during the first six days of toll-free travel.

During the period 16 to 21 March 2010 an average of 70,629 vehicles per day used the CLEM7 on the weekdays and an average of 59,038 vehicles per day used the tunnel on the weekend.

The tunnel was closed on Sunday, 21 March 2010 between 5:00am and 9:00am for a community bike ride. RiverCity Motorway Group CEO, Flan Cleary, said the company was pleased with the initial traffic volumes. "While these are early figures, they do demonstrate that the CLEM7 is set to be an important link in Brisbane's road infrastructure," Mr Cleary said.

"The first week of toll-free travel has attracted enormous interest from motorists. We have experienced periods of congestion inside the tunnel as people slow down to take a good look at the tunnel."

The CLEM7 will remain completely toll-free until 5 April 2010. This will be followed by a five week period when the tunnel will be toll-free between midnight and 5:00am and tolls will be discounted by 30 percent for the remainder of the day.

RiverCity Motorway will report traffic volumes at the conclusion of the 3-week toll-free period and following the first week of tolled travel. The company will then commence monthly reporting of traffic.

The 6.8 kilometre CLEM7 connects Bowen Hills in the north with Kangaroo Point and Woolloongabba in the south, bypassing up to 24 sets of traffic lights. It connects with Lutwyche Road, Inner City Bypass, Shafston Avenue, the Pacific Motorway and Ipswich Road.

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