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BRISBANE TRAFFIC UP BY 6% IN 2006

The traffic on Brisbane roads is growing and will continue to grow according to a report by leading traffic experts, Maunsell Australia Pty Ltd.

The report, commissioned by RiverCity Motorway, shows that recent traffic counts undertaken indicate continued growth on the main roads leading into the North-South Bypass Tunnel that began construction last month.

Lutwyche Road recorded a 6.6% annual increase, Ipswich Road a 4.2% annual increase and the Story Bridge, the main river crossing that passes above the new tunnel, a 6% annual increase over the 2005 figures.

RiverCity Motorway CEO, Mr Peter Hicks, said this continuing growth in traffic reinforced the need for the North-South Bypass Project, the proposed Airport Link and other projects in the planning stage.

"It is clear that the existing network will need on-going expansion if Brisbane is to cope with the increased traffic we are seeing," he said.

Despite fluctuations from year to year, the on-going trend is for continued traffic growth.

"In addition to an on-going trend towards growth in peak periods, the most recent study is also reporting an emerging trend toward more rapidly growing inter peak periods, as well," Mr Hicks said.

The study was undertaken over seven sites in September 2006 and was compared with the same sites taken during similar periods in 2005. Other data used in the study came from the Queensland Department of Main Roads.

A copy of the traffic data is available on the RiverCity Motorway website at www.rivercitymotorway.net.au.

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TRAFFIC FIGURES 2005-2006

Location		ADT		
		2005	2006	Growth
1	Breakfast Creek Rd	38,540	39,368	2.1%
2	Abbotsford Rd	49,645	51,905	4.6%
3	Lutwyche Rd	61,292	65,320	6.6%
12	Ipswich Rd	45,550	47,441	4.2%
15	Stanley St East	36,622	35,591	-2.8%
16	Wynnum Rd	46,465	46,502	0.1%
17	Story Bridge	96,435	102,187	6.0%

Notes to Traffic Counts:

*1 – ADT is Average Daily Total Flows (24 hours)

*2 – The counts undertaken in 2005 were between 19th May and 31st August.

The 2006 counts were undertaken in September between Saturday 9th and Saturday 23rd inclusive.