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RIVERCITY MOTORWAY WELCOMES DIRECT CONNECTION TO AIRPORT LINK 6 MONTHS EARLY

RiverCity Motorway Group has welcomed the Queensland Government's selection of a preferred bidder to build, own and operate the new 6.7km Airport Link tunnel.

Chief Executive Officer, Flan Cleary, said the North-South Bypass Tunnel would benefit from a direct connection to the Airport Link tunnel in mid 2012, six months earlier than the Queensland Government's original timetable.

"The direct connection to Airport Link tunnel at our northern end provides us with motorway-to-motorway connections at both ends of our tunnel," Mr Cleary said.

"Brisbane is continuing to experience unprecedented economic growth and population growth, and major roads such as the North-South Bypass Tunnel and Airport Link are desperately needed to address the City's increasing traffic congestion," Mr Cleary said

Mr Cleary congratulated the Queensland Government and the successful bidder, BrisConnections, which includes Macquarie Capital Group, Thiess and John Holland.

The 6.8km North-South Bypass Tunnel will connect to six major roads north and south of the Brisbane River, including Lutwyche Road, Inner City Bypass and Airport Link in the north and Shafston Avenue, Ipswich Road and the Pacific Motorway in the south."

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