

6 April 2010

1.24 MILLION VEHICLES USE CLEM7 DURING TOLL-FREE PERIOD

1,241,284 vehicles used the Clem Jones Tunnel (CLEM7) during the 3-week toll-free period which ended at midnight on Monday, 5 April 2010.

During the period 16 March to 5 April 2010 an average of 59,109 vehicles per day used the CLEM7. On workdays the average number of vehicles using the tunnel each day was 61,799. An average of 54,737 vehicles per day used the tunnel on non-workdays.

There were 13 workdays and 8 non-workdays during the period. 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 positive response from motorists who used tunnel during the toll-free period.

“The CLEM7 is doing wonders for Brisbane traffic. Offering motorists faster, safer and more reliable travel as they bypass up to 24 sets of traffic lights,” Mr Cleary said.

“While the overwhelming response from motorists has been positive the first 3 weeks of toll-free traffic is too short a timeframe to judge the success or otherwise of our toll road.

“The opening of the CLEM7 represents a major change Brisbane motorists, therefore, it may take some months for travel patterns to become apparent.

“RiverCity Motorway remains confident that our traffic will increase as more people experience the benefits of our road. Now that we are open our key focus is maximising traffic.

“We have implemented a widespread promotional campaign that will continue in the months to come. We have also developed easy-to-use tolling products and toll incentives aimed at boosting traffic,” he said.

From 6 April until 9 May 2010, the CLEM7 will remain toll-free between the hours of midnight and 5.00am. For the remainder of the day, tolls for all motorists will be discounted by 30%.

	6 April to 9 May 2010*	
Vehicle	Daily Toll-Free 12:01am to 5:00am	Daily Toll-Discount 5:01am to Midnight
Motorbike	\$0	\$1.48
Car	\$0	\$2.95
Light Commercial Vehicle	\$0	\$4.43
Heavy Commercial Vehicle	\$0	\$7.82

* Period ends at midnight.

CLEM7 is also waiving image processing fees (normally 40c per trip) for all motorists travelling without a tag, regardless of vehicle type or tolling services provider until 30 September 2010.

Mr Cleary said the long-term outlook for RiverCity Motorway remained positive.

“Brisbane is well positioned to continue growing in terms of population, employment and household incomes, and the suburbs adjacent to our tunnel remain key areas for urban renewal,” Mr Cleary said.

RiverCity Motorway will report traffic volumes following the first week of tolled travel. The company will then commence monthly reporting of traffic.

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