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## **TRAFFIC COUNTS HIGHLIGHT STRONG DEMAND FOR BRISBANE RIVER CROSSINGS**

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RiverCity Motorway Group today released its latest six monthly traffic counts which show traffic volumes on Brisbane's three major river crossings increased between 2005 and 2008.

The biggest increase in traffic volumes was on the Gateway Bridge, which was up 13% to approximately 98,000 per day.

The Story Bridge, which runs directly above the future Clem Jones Tunnel (CLEM7), carried an average of 104,000 vehicles per day during the recent survey, an increase of 7.9% since 2005.

Traffic growth remains constrained on the Captain Cook Bridge which carried an average of 135,000 vehicles per day during the period, an increase of 0.5% since 2005.

RiverCity Motorway Group Chairman, Bob Morris, said the latest traffic survey reinforces the high demand from motorists seeking to travel north and south of the Brisbane River.

"Brisbane is a rapidly expanding city of more than one million people. It is also one of the most decentralised capital cities in Australia with major residential areas, industrial areas and shopping centres located on both sides of the Brisbane River" Mr Morris said.

"The CLEM7 will provide a critical transport link for Brisbane motorists seeking to cross the Brisbane River and bypass the heavily congested Brisbane CBD."

Other key findings from the survey include:

- traffic volumes on the William Jolly Bridge and Victoria Bridge increased by 10% and 7% respectively in the past six months (April 2008 -September 2008)
- traffic volumes on Lutwyche Road, Wynnum Road and Ipswich Road are continuing to be impacted by tunnel construction works
- growth during the off-peak is becoming more significant as the morning and afternoon peaks reach capacity

RiverCity Motorway Group completes 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 25 August and 7 September 2008.

"The surveys continue to reinforce confidence in the expert forecasts provided by our traffic consultants, despite traffic volumes on adjacent feeder roads being impacted by our construction works," Mr Morris said.

## Traffic Counts

Location	2005	2006	2007	Apr-08*	Sept-08*	% Change Apr to Sept 2008	% Change 2005 to 2008
<b>North of the River</b>							
Kingsford Smith Drive	-	-	-	64,906	63,502	-2.2%	-
Lutwyche Road	61,322	65,320	61,466	54,261	56,804	+4.7%	-7.4%
Abbotsford Road	49,646	51,905	53,179	54,898	54,069	-1.5%	+8.9%
Inner City Bypass	68,468	-	-	69,442	69,450	No change	+1.4%
<b>South of the River</b>							
Wynnum Road	46,465	46,502	45,635	48,495	47,556	-1.9%	+2.3%
Ipswich Road	45,550	47,441	47,771	44,926	43,676	-2.8%	-4.1%
Pacific Motorway	-	-	-	106,845	105,633	-1.1%	-
<b>River Crossings</b>							
Captain Cook Bridge	134,493	136,533	132,967	136,718	135,221	-1.1%	+0.5%
Gateway Motorway	86,027	86,545	92,005	not yet avail	97,278	-	+13%
Story Bridge	96,435	102,147	97,924	98,773	104,118	+5%	+7.9%
William Jolly Bridge	-	-	-	36,462	40,174	+10%	-
Victoria Bridge	-	-	-	13,291	14,174	+7%	-

\*Traffic counts were completed over a 2 week period. They can be affected by specific incidents, seasonal factors, construction works and other variables.

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