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MODELLING SHOWS AIRPORT LINK TO SAVE COMMUTERS 2.5 HOURS PER WEEK

Northside motorists will save up to 2.5 hours per week by using the Airport Link on their morning and afternoon commute to and from the city when it opens next year.

An independent study has found that Airport Link will provide travel time savings of up to 20 minutes in peak hour on some journeys and will reduce travel times by as much as 88 per cent.

Airport Link adds six lanes of new roadway under Lutwyche Road and four extra lanes between Kedron and Toombul.

Acting Premier Andrew Fraser said once operational Airport Link would make a huge difference to lives of Northside residents.

“Airport Link is a massive congestion buster; it’s the missing link in Brisbane’s road network that could save people half an hour of travel every day,” Mr Fraser said.

“When it opens next year, it will allow motorists to drive between Bowen Hills and Toombul in less than five minutes, avoiding 18 sets of traffic lights along the way.

“Toombul residents doing the daily commute to work in the city stand to benefit from travel time savings of over half an hour each day in peak periods, based on this modelling.

“The Airport Link east-west movement from Kedron to Toombul is forecast to see travel times slashed by up to 12.5 minutes in the morning peak, equating to an hour saving each week.

“The addition of Airport Link to the road network is also good news for those travelling further afield, with the tunnel potentially providing a 16 minute travel time saving to the Airport in the morning and a 17 minute time saving in the evening helping travellers reach their departure gate on time.

“The Airport Link will service an area containing more than 60% of the Brisbane population and for every car that uses the tunnel; it will mean one less car on the surface roads, reducing congestion, and making it easier for commuters and locals to get around.”

Mr Fraser said the research was conducted by traffic and transport consulting firm, TTM Group who used a technically advanced GPS system to undertake a comparison study that tested modelled travel times on Airport Link against real travel times on roads including Gympie, Lutwyche and Sandgate Road.

“Obviously this modelling – like any forecasting – depends on a wide range of variables but the clear message from this work is that Airport Link stands to deliver huge time savings to motorists,” Mr Fraser said.

CEO of BrisConnections Dr Ray Wilson said that Airport Link will revolutionise the way motorists travel in Brisbane.

“Airport Link will play a vital role in building a better Brisbane community by enhancing choice, reducing congestion and transforming the road network,” Dr Wilson said.

“One of the core benefits of Airport Link is travel time savings and we wanted to communicate these savings to motorists before the road opened next year.

“The results from the survey speak for themselves- motorists will be able to travel from Bowen Hills to Kedron in three and a half minutes and to Toombul in under five.

“It will alleviate traffic congestion and deliver predictable travel times, reduce stress and lower vehicle emissions per kilometre.

“We encourage all motorists to drive it before its real on our website airportlinkm7.com.au,” he said.

The Airport Link projects are part of a massive \$4.8 billion infrastructure investment on Brisbane’s Northside.

Airportlink travel time savings

Bowen Hills to Toombul = 17 minute saving with Airportlink

Bowen Hills to Kedron = 15 minute saving with Airportlink

Kedron to Toombul = 13 minute time saving with Airportlink

Kedron to Bowen Hills = 14 minute saving with Airportlink

Toombul to Kedron = 11 minute time saving with Airportlink

Toombul to Bowen Hills = 17 minute saving with Airportlink

Origin to destination		Average travel time	Airportlink travel time	Time saving (based on average travel time)
Bowen Hills to Toombul <i>Bowen Bridge Road to East West Arterial Road</i>	AM	20m 38s	4m 39s	15m 59s
	PM	21m 35s	4m 39s	16m 56s
Bowen Hills to Kedron <i>Campbell Street to Gympie Road (Sadlier</i>	AM	12m 16s	3m 37s	8m 39s
	PM	19m 21s	3m 37s	15m 44s

<i>Street)</i>				
Kedron to Toombul <i>Stafford Road (Figgis Street) to Airport Drive</i>	AM PM	15m 48s 10m 9s	3m 2s 3m 2s	12m 46s 7m 7s
Kedron to Bowen Hills <i>Stafford Road (Figgis Street) to Campbell Street</i>	AM PM	17m 45s 11m 54s	3m 32s 3m 32s	14m 13s 8m 22s
Toombul to Kedron <i>Airport Drive to Stafford Road (Figgis Street)</i>	AM PM	10m 28s 13m 54s	3m 2s 3m 2s	7m 26s 10m 52s
Toombul to Bowen Hills <i>East West Arterial Road to Bowen Bridge Road</i>	AM PM	21m 27s 19m 41s	4m 41s 4m 41s	16m 46s 15m