

AirportlinkM7 saving Greater Springfield and south west motorists time and worry

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AirportlinkM7 has reduced the time and stress for Greater Springfield motorists travelling to Brisbane's northside and the airport, cutting travel times by up to 20 minutes each way.

With population growth in the Ipswich local government area double the Queensland average*, the time savings could not have come at a more important time for the region.

BrisConnections CEO Dr Ray Wilson said he was delighted Greater Springfield and other southwest residents travelling to the airport or northern suburbs of Brisbane had more choices of routes.

"BrisConnections is thrilled to be able to help connect one of Australia's fastest growing regions to the Airport and northern suburbs with more ease than ever before," Dr Wilson said.

"We've heard consistent reports from residents travelling to the airport that they were saving up to at least a half an hour on round trips at peak times using AirportlinkM7.

"AirportlinkM7 has opened up extra choice for travelling to the airport and Brisbane's northside.

"The good news is a trip to the airport from Springfield via the M5 Centenary Highway, Milton Road, ICB and AirportlinkM7 will be free for motorists until October 17 if they have an account with any toll road in Australia.

"If you are travelling to northside Brisbane suburbs such as Kedron, Stafford or Chermside, this route will also save motorists time and hassle."

Other routes such as the M7, Ipswich Road (A7), Clem7 and AirportlinkM7; as well as the Logan and Gateway Motorways are also available at varying costs.

Ipswich Division One Councillor David Morrison said the time savings delivered by AirportlinkM7 were already a boon for local residents and businesses, but the full benefits of the new infrastructure would be felt when Legacy Way opened in 2015.

"The connection of these two road links will offer a completely new route to the CBD, Brisbane Airport, northern suburbs and Australia Trade Coast," Councillor Morrison said.

"Together they will save our residents around an hour on a round trip to the Brisbane Airport and will also mean they will be able to arrive without passing through a single traffic light.

"This will make the Springfield area even more appealing for families and businesses as the region continues to grow."

Springfield Land Corporation Managing Director Bob Sharpless said new infrastructure such as AirportlinkM7 were key to sustaining growth for Australia's largest master planned city.

“Greater Springfield is one of Queensland's fastest growing regions, with the equivalent population expected to more than quadruple from 23,000 today to 105,000 in 2030,” Mr Sharpless said.

“Greater Springfield aims to employ at least one third of its residents locally, however easy access to the domestic and international airport, Brisbane CBD and Australia TradeCoast is vital for us.

“AirportlinkM7 will inevitably change the way the greater Brisbane area grows, develops and moves around into the future.

“AirportlinkM7 is just the first of several new pieces of world-class infrastructure that will revolutionise access to our growing city. We are also excited by the \$1.2 billion Springfield rail project which is due to open in 2013.”

Motorists with a tolling account with any toll road in Australia can travel free on AirportlinkM7 until October 17.

* Office of Economic and Statistical Research, The State of Queensland (Queensland Treasury and Trade), 2012.