



Airport Roundabout Upgrade

Motorists are expected to save more than 10 minutes in peak hour traffic at the airport interchange following construction of the Airport Roundabout Upgrade – the solution to one of Brisbane’s most congested intersections.

Planning for the Airport Link and Northern Busway (Windsor to Kedron) Projects presented an ideal opportunity to integrate construction of the Airport Roundabout Upgrade (ARU), resulting in significant construction efficiencies.

ARU will be completed in late 2011 prior to tolling commencing for Airport Link. On completion, ARU will be returned to the Department of Main Roads.

Airport Roundabout Upgrade involves:

- A new four-lane flyover connecting the East-West Arterial directly to Airport Drive (over the Gateway Motorway overpass)
- A high capacity ‘fast diamond’ interchange to replace the existing roundabout

- Replacing the existing Gateway Motorway overpass at the roundabout with a new four-lane overpass
- Widening of the East West Arterial from two to three lanes each way
- Surface road improvements to Airport Drive

Benefits of the Upgrade:

- Improved connections to the airport precinct, Gateway Motorway and Kingsford Smith Drive
- Improved traffic flow and reduced delays particularly for motorists travelling to and from the airport and Australia Trade Coast
- Separates city-to-airport traffic from the local road network, enhancing driver safety and travel times
- Integrates planning and future development for the road network in this area



Will the new Airport Roundabout Upgrade be tolled?

No. There will be no toll for vehicles using the Airport Roundabout Upgrade or the existing East-West Arterial Road.

Vehicles travelling west through the interchange will have two opportunities to exit the East West Arterial Road (at Widdop Street and Sandgate Road) prior to the start of the Airport Link toll road.

Will there be traffic disruptions during construction of the Upgrade?

Construction works will be planned to keep traffic moving, with major work scheduled outside peak travel times.

A Construction Traffic Management Plan has been developed and will be approved with the relevant authorities.



Project timeline

April 2009 Site establishment and early works commence

June 2009 Relocation of hoop pines at airport roundabout

Mid 2009 Construction commences for new Gateway Motorway overpass

Late 2009 Construction commences for flyover bridge connecting East-West Arterial to Airport Drive

Mid 2010 Gateway Motorway overpass complete

Sept 2010* Noise wall installed on western side of East-West Arterial (along Millbrook Estate properties)

Mid 2011 Flyover bridge complete

Late 2011 Airport Roundabout Upgrade complete

* Date of installation is subject to change



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