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### **Massive bridge beams continue Airport Link progress**

Twelve massive precast beams each up to half the length of a football field will take a 60 kilometre detour from Pinkenba to Kedron via the Ipswich Highway in another important milestone for the Airport Link project.

The precast beams, which will be used to build the Airport Link tunnel off-ramps at Kedron, will travel on 70 metre long trucks from the Port of Brisbane to Kedron.

Treasurer and Minister for State Development and Trade Andrew Fraser said the beams will be transported over the next six nights to minimise any impact to Brisbane motorists.

"Due to their extreme length, it is not possible to transport them directly to the worksite, which is just 11 kilometres from the Port," Mr Fraser said.

Instead they will be transported from Pinkenba, out to Logan via the Gateway Motorway, and then back again via the Centenary Highway, and the Ipswich Motorway, then onto Ipswich Road, the Story Bridge and Lutwyche Road.

Mr Fraser said the beams are an engineering feat and have been purpose built for the elevated structures at Kedron.

"Once installed, these beams will form the westbound and northbound off-ramps for the Airport Link tunnel," he said.

"Careful planning has gone into this delivery to ensure the long loads can reach the Kedron worksite without any damage to existing infrastructure.

"A total of 12 precast beams are required to construct the flyover structures at Kedron and two beams will be delivered each night for the next six nights."

Thiess John Holland Project Director Gordon Ralph said once the beams are delivered to site, work will commence to lift the beams into place creating the westbound and northbound off-ramp flyovers for the Airport Link tunnel.

"The elevated structures will stand up to 10 metres high above the Stafford and Gympie Road intersection," Mr Ralph said.

"Construction of the off-ramps will be completed by installing the precast road and bridge sections on top of the already constructed piers."

CEO of BrisConnections Dr Ray Wilson said Airport Link was on track for completion in mid-2012.

"When Airport Link opens, it will be the first major motorway connecting Brisbane city with the airport and northern suburbs," Dr Wilson said.

“Airport Link will revolutionise the way motorists travel around Brisbane.”

The projects, which are being designed and constructed by Thiess John Holland, are part of a massive \$4.8 billion infrastructure investment on Brisbane's Northside.

**Delivery route:** Eagle Farm Road, Kingsford Smith Drive, Links Ave North, Gateway Motorway Southbound, Gateway Extension to Logan Motorway, Logan Motorway, Centenary Highway Northbound, Ipswich Motorway Eastbound, Ipswich Road, Bradfield Highway, Kemp Place, Gipps St, Brunswick St, Bowen Bridge Rd, Lutwyche Rd, Gympie Rd.

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