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All 12 bridge structures at Bowen Hills complete as part of Airport Link project

The Airport Link project is celebrating another significant milestone today with all 12 of the new bridge structures being built at Bowen Hills now completed.

With only 10 months until project completion, the final bridge beam has been installed, completing Bridge 104 which will connect Airport Link to the Inner City Bypass— signalling an end to beam installation work in the precinct.

Thiess John Holland Project Director Gordon Ralph congratulated the structures team at Bowen Hills for reaching this significant milestone.

“It is exciting to see another stage of construction finished in preparation for the completion of the project by 30 June 2012,” Mr Ralph said.

“570 beams have been installed at Bowen Hills to construct the 12 bridges since bridge construction first commenced in early 2010,” he said.

“Measuring up to 40 metres in length and weighing between 40 and 90 tonnes, the various concrete and steel beams were lifted into place using massive cranes, often over Breakfast Creek and the Inner City Bypass (ICB) and CLEM7 traffic lanes during temporary closures.

“Construction of the bridges has been a tremendous accomplishment with the tallest bridge standing more than 26 metres above the ground (Bridge 104 – connecting Airport Link to the ICB and Campbell Street) and the longest bridge measuring a massive 680 metres long (Bridge 106 – connecting Lutwyche Road to the ICB and Clem7).

“More than 250 people have worked over 500,000 hours to complete the structures work at Bowen Hills. The next phase of bridge construction involves the finishing touches including the installation of concrete barriers, asphalt, lighting, signage and line marking.

The 12 bridges at Bowen Hills will connect the Airport Link tunnel with CLEM7, the ICB, Bowen Bridge Road and Campbell Street, as well as provide access over Lutwyche Road for the Northern Busway (Windsor to Kedron).

The projects are now more than 80% complete with nearly 15 kilometres of tunnels and ramps excavated between Bowen Hills and Toombul.

In excess of 20 million hours have been worked to date and the projects have surpassed their expected peak employment bringing the jobs total to more than 4,300. The projects are creating 12,000 direct and indirect jobs.



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The project, which is being designed and constructed by Thiess John Holland, along with the Northern Busway (Windsor to Kedron) and the Airport Roundabout Upgrade, is part of a massive \$4.8 billion infrastructure investment on Brisbane's Northside.

The projects are on schedule to be completed on 30 June 2012.

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