

## MEDIA RELEASE

### AAC applauds progress on 'missing link'

Archerfield Airport Corporation (AAC) has applauded progress on the soon-to-be completed link between Balham and Beatty Roads at Archerfield, which it believes is the first significant step in regenerating the area as a key transport node for Queensland.

Corporation CEO, Gerard Campbell, said it was very encouraging to see the 'missing link' take shape on AAC land gifted to the local community.



"This project demonstrates what can be achieved when all levels of government and private enterprise work together to find solutions to problems," he said. "When the new road is finished some time this financial year, it will make a major difference to traffic congestion and business efficiency in the area. We believe it will be a catalyst to reinvigorate Archerfield as Brisbane's premier transport centre."

The granting of Commonwealth land on the northern boundary of the airport was approved by the Federal Government last year.

Subsequently Brisbane City Council and the Department of Main Roads have partnered to construct the new road. The project extends Balham Road to Beatty Road at the Willington Street intersection to link the eastern and western sides of the airport.

As well as streamlining traffic flow around the airport, the project will alleviate congestion along the heavily-used Brisbane Urban Corridor. Road transport operators in the area predict it will save 10 minutes in travel time.

Mr Campbell said the Corporation was very pleased at the resources allocated to the project by the Council and State Government, and the project team's attention to safety and drainage.