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Freight Study Recommends New Overpass

Councillor for Tennyson Ward, Nicole Johnston, today welcomed the release of a freight plan to cut heavy freight traffic on suburban streets in Brisbane's inner southern suburbs.

The *Sherwood/Yeerongpilly Freight Transportation Study* was undertaken by Brisbane City Council as part of the Lord Mayor, Campbell Newman's, commitment to improving Brisbane's road network.

"The study outlines traffic alternatives that will bring long term benefits to local residents," Councillor Johnston said.

"The recommendation for a new overpass through the Yeerongpilly/Moorooka industrial area and a truck ban on Venner Rd would have significant benefits for residents in Annerley, Fairfield and Yeronga without affecting any other residential area."

"A new overpass would mean fewer trucks in residential areas, quieter suburbs and less traffic congestion in local streets, while providing a more direct freight route to the Rocklea Markets and other businesses."

The study area included a 3km area around the Brisbane Markets taking in key arterial roads including Ipswich Road, Sherwood Road and Fairfield Road. Traffic was surveyed at eight key points within the freight study zone.

Key findings include:

- 25,000-30,000 vehicles per day use Fairfield Rd;
- 4,500 trucks per weekday pass through the Sherwood Rd/Fairfield Rd intersection;
- 1,500 trucks per weekday travel along Venner Rd; and
- freight movements in the area are expected to grow by 9%pa over the next five years.

Councillor Johnston said the study examined a range of possible options and made a number of recommendations for Council's consideration including construction of a new overpass from Fairfield Road to Ipswich road at Yeerongpilly.

"There are some great short term recommendations including resurfacing, changes to traffic configuration on Venner Rd and the use of noise cameras to reduce the impact of trucks on suburban streets," Councillor Johnston said.

"I look forward to working with the Lord Mayor and Deputy Mayor to examine future funding options to implement these recommendations."

The Freight Study is available for viewing at the Tennyson Ward Office.

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