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Dear Resident

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I am writing to update you on the findings of the Sherwood/Yeerongpilly Freight Study recently undertaken by Brisbane City Council.

The completion of the Freight Study is the first step to improving traffic conditions in the area – one of Brisbane's busiest for heavy freight traffic. Together with Brisbane's Lord Mayor, Campbell Newman, I am working to find real, long-term solutions for local residents including fewer trucks in residential areas, quieter suburbs and less traffic congestion in local streets.

Enclosed is a Community Update which summarises details of how the study was conducted and its findings and recommendations.

One of the major recommendations Council will be considering closely is construction of a new road overpass from Fairfield Road to Ipswich Road in the Moorooka/Yeerongpilly industrial area, coupled with a Venner Road truck ban. This recommendation would be a major infrastructure project requiring significant planning and budget funding in future years, as well as consultation with the community, businesses and Queensland Rail.

I will keep you informed about progress on this and the other short-term recommendations including resurfacing of Venner Road, traffic reconfiguration including turning lanes and pedestrian refuges, and noise cameras. I will be fighting for budget funding in 2009/10 to implement these short term measures, many of which were suggested by local residents during consultation.

From the outset we sought the most up-to-date information available and endeavoured to involve the local community and businesses in the consultation process. I particularly want to thank all those residents who contributed their ideas and have spoken directly with me about their concerns.

If you have any questions or comments about the attached Freight Study summary please do not hesitate to email me at Tennyson.ward@ecm.net.au or contact me the ward office. A copy of the Freight Study will be available in my office for viewing.

Yours sincerely

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Tennyson Ward Community News Update

SHERWOOD/YEERONGPILLY FREIGHT TRANSPORT STUDY

Why was this study undertaken?

- Lord Mayor Campbell Newman announced the Freight Study in December 2007 following representations by local residents concerned about the number of heavy vehicles on Venner Road
- Aims of the freight Study were to :
 - Quantify existing freight travel demands to, from and within the study area
 - Determine whether the transport network meets current demands
 - Identify what infrastructure investment might be required having regard to local amenity issues
 - Provide a basis for consultation with key stakeholders on local freight transport issues, future trends and possible solutions

The Study delivers on an election commitment by Councillor for Tennyson, Nicole Johnston, and Lord Mayor, Campbell Newman.

Where is the study area?

- The area is about 7.5 kilometres south of the Brisbane CBD and covers an area in a 3km radius around the Brisbane Markets and Rocklea Industrial area
- Important arterial and sub-arterial roads in the area include Ipswich Motorway, Granard Road, Ipswich Road, Fairfield Road, Sherwood Road and Tennyson Memorial Avenue. It also includes Venner Road, Curzon Street and Muriel Avenue.
- It includes over 1,200 individual properties (inc residential, retail, commercial, industrial)

How was the study undertaken?

- Information on existing land use and traffic volumes was collected via field studies, including from eight automatic traffic counter surveys on Fairfield Road, Tennyson Memorial Avenue, Sherwood Road, Fairfield Road and Venner Road
- Consultations were conducted with key stakeholders and 32 businesses in the area were surveyed
- The information was used to quantify existing and future freight travel demands and possible future growth in land use
- Future development plans were evaluated
- A community workshop was held at the Tennyson Ward office of Cr Nicole Johnston and residents' concerns and possible solutions are included in the Study

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What did the survey find?

- Approx 7,100 truck trips are generated within the study area during an average weekday and about 710 trips during the morning peak hour
- Approximately 100 sites, making up 12% of the study area, are industrial in nature and include such businesses as transport and storage, warehousing, manufacturing and mechanical/repair
- Classified traffic count data indicates a high volume of articulated vehicles travelling through and within the study area – 3 highest measurement points:
 1. Sherwood Rd and Fairfield Rd - 4,500 trucks per weekday
 2. Fairfield Rd (100m north of Sherwood Rd) - 4000 trucks per weekday
 3. Fairfield Rd between Ipswich Slip Rd and Medway St – 3,700 trucks per weekday
- The most common destinations for articulated vehicles during the night time truck following surveys were the Brisbane Markets and the Toll QRX site at Curzon Street
- 50% of the produce to the Brisbane Markets originates to the north – trucks use Ipswich Road and Granard Road to access the markets, with most heavy loads coming at night
- 15% of respondents to the business questionnaire anticipate an increase in night-time truck movements to/from the study area, with limited extra capacity at the Port of Brisbane during daytime hours
- The estimated increase in freight movements as determined by respondents to the business questionnaire is 9% per annum over the next five years
- Between 25,000 and 30,000 vehicles use Fairfield Rd (north of Venner Rd) per day (including 2000 trucks)

Venner Road Findings (between Somervell Street and Roy Street)

Ave Traffic count	Total - 9005 M - F *Ebnd 4208 – Wbnd 4797	7500 per day Sat 6000 per day Sun
Truck count (class 3+)	1500 per day M-F	550 per day Sat – 400 Sun
Peak Truck times	50 – 100 per hour between 5am and 5pm	
Ave speed all vehicles	54kph Ebnd	60.6kph Wbnd
Ave % of commercial vehicles	10.9% Ebnd	17.4% Wbnd

*Ebnd – East Bound / Wbnd – West Bound

Recommendations

The Study recommends that Council consider the following options for improving freight transport operations in the study area while improving local residential amenity.

- Construction of a new road connections between Fairfield Rd and Ipswich Road while banning trucks on Venner Road
- Remove height restrictions at Muriel Avenue while banning trucks on Venner Road
- Increased use of rail to/from the study area

Shorter term options for further consideration include:

- A night-time heavy vehicle ban on Venner Road
- Resurfacing of Venner Rd and reconfiguration of traffic lanes
- Installation of noise cameras on Venner Road