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**WESTLINK M7 – ONE MONTH TOLL FREE PERIOD
and
TRIP AND REVENUE REPORTING**



Macquarie Infrastructure Group (MIG) advises that Westlink M7 will be toll free from opening on 16 December 2005 to midnight 15 January 2005.

Westlink M7 is a 40 km motorway in western Sydney. It will link the M2 at Baukham Hills, the M4 at Eastern Creek and the M5 at Prestons, and bypass 48 sets of traffic lights.

MIG holds a 40% interest in Westlink M7.

Monthly Trip and Revenue Reporting

Westlink M7 is Australia's first distance based toll road, with the toll capped after 20 kilometres. MIG will report trip and revenue information for the Westlink M7 as part of its monthly traffic release. After completion of the one month toll free period the following information on Westlink M7 will be provided each month:

- Average Daily Trips
- Average Workday Trips
- Vehicle Kilometres Travelled
- Revenue

Additional Reports

In the opening phase MIG will provide a further three reports on Westlink M7 road usage:

- Week One – Toll free
MIG will report trip information (average daily trips) for the first six full days of operation to 23 December 2005. A revenue figure will not be provided because the motorway will be toll free.
- Month One – Toll free
MIG will report trip information for the month to 16 January 2005. A revenue figure will not be provided because the motorway will be toll free.
- Week One – Tolloed
MIG will provide trip and revenue information for the first week of tolled traffic. Tolling is scheduled to commence on 16 January 2005. After which MIG will report Westlink M7 data in line with its monthly reporting timetable.

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WESTLINK M7 TOLL FREE TO 15 JANUARY

Westlink M7 today announced a one-month toll free period from road opening on 16 December until midnight 15 January 2006.

General Manager of Westlink M7, Flan Cleary, said "This is a great opportunity for motorists to try the new motorway for free and experience the time and petrol savings of travelling 40 kilometres without a single traffic light.

"Westlink M7 has 17 different places to get on and off. We believe motorists need time to try out the M7 and work out what trips are best for them. That's why we are inviting everyone to test drive the motorway at no cost for one month," Mr Cleary said.

Westlink is a \$1.5 billion addition to the transport infrastructure of the region. It will have significant economic benefits with improved transport efficiencies attracting investment and jobs to the region. Westlink is expected to generate an additional 24,000 jobs in the region over the next three years.

Mr Cleary said "Westlink will bypass 48 sets of traffic lights – changing forever the way people will travel around Western Sydney.

"Westlink will connect the west by providing an uninterrupted journey from the M2 to the M4 to the M5," Mr Cleary said.

The toll free period will end at midnight on Sunday 15 January 2006 with the first toll day to be Monday 16 January 2006.

From January 16 the toll will be charged at a rate of 29.91 cents per kilometre, with the toll capped after twenty kilometres. Motorists can travel beyond twenty kilometres on the M7 for no extra cost.

The minimum possible toll will be 40 cents, while the maximum for any trip, including the full distance, will be \$5.98. Tolls will be adjusted quarterly, in line with inflation.

Westlink will be a fully electronic toll road, where tolls are charged on a distance basis. All existing electronic tags will be accepted.

Motorists who get a Roam e-TAG by 15 December 2005 will get \$50 worth of toll credits on Westlink M7.

Westlink also announced that it will offer \$25 of toll credits on Westlink M7 to every customer who sets up a Roam e-TAG account between 16 December 2005 and 15 January 2006.

The Westlink Motorway Consortium consists of Macquarie Infrastructure Group (40%), Transurban (40%), Abigroup (10%) and Leighton (10%).

Visit the website www.westlinkm7.com.au for a toll calculator, maps and more information.

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