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## **RACQ welcomes Council's big spend on transport**

The State's peak motoring body has welcomed Brisbane City Council's \$2.2 billion transport spend in today's Budget – a 17% increase on last year's figure.

RACQ's Head of Public Policy Susan Furze congratulated Council for its continued focus on easing congestion and improving public and active transport options for the city's residents.

"This is a win for transport users across Brisbane - \$2.2 billion is more than half of the Council's Budget and is a significant funding increase," Ms Furze said.

"This is important because Brisbane has the fastest growing population of any state capital and we need projects and programs that will alleviate congestion and offer safer and more sustainable journeys.

"We are also pleased to see ongoing progress on Brisbane Metro and the new fully electric Metro buses which will enable high-capacity, high-frequency services and offer commuters more sustainable ways to move around.

"The Club welcomes \$130 million over the next two years to complete Moggill Road upgrades along the notoriously congested corridor. This project will alleviate congestion and improve safety for road users travelling through Brisbane's busy western suburbs."

Ms Furze said RACQ acknowledged it had been a challenging year for Council after February's devastating floods.

"We need to ensure we learn from this event and we're rebuilding a more resilient city," she said.

"We're pleased to see Council's commitment to repair roads and bikeways under the Rebuild and Recover Program, which will help to improve our active transport network after the recent weather events."

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