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Traffic reports go digital

MELBOURNE — Motorists may soon be able to receive real-time digital information on traffic congestion, sent directly to their GPS navigation system. The bulletins would come through a new traffic channel developed by **Royal Automobile Club of Victoria** (RACV) subsidiary Intelematics Australia.

According to **Intelematics**, the system has been released to Australia's navigation and automotive industries, is already commercially available in Melbourne and testing is under way in Sydney and Brisbane. The service is called SUNA and it is planned to go live in Adelaide and Perth in 2008.

"SUNA Traffic Channel is Australia's first digital traffic information broadcast and will operate 24 hours per day, all year round," vowed Intelematics Australia chief executive **Adam Game**.

Intelematics hopes the service will be available through electronics retail outlets later this year and is testing compatibility with portable navigation devices.