
PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IMPACT REPORT:

RUGBY WORLD CUP 2011 COURTENAY LIVE SITE, SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER TO MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2011

1. Description of Event

As part of the Rugby World Cup 2011 quarter-finals bid presented to RNZ 2011 Ltd and subsequent Host Region Agreement, Wellington City Council are committed to providing a Fanzone/Live Site in the Courtenay Place precinct on the weekend of Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th October 2011. The proposed footprint was successfully trialled for the 2011 Rugby Sevens Street Party. In addition, Beca Infrastructure Ltd was commissioned to perform dynamic pedestrian modelling on the precinct to assess capacity, arrival patterns and emergency evacuations for the Rugby World Cup event. The results of this study have influenced decisions on the site footprint.

For the event site and subsequent pedestrian safety it is therefore proposed to close **Courtenay Place** (Cambridge Terrace to Taranaki Street); **Blair Street**; **Allen Street**; **Tory Street** (Wakefield Street to Tennyson Street, including Holland Street and Forresters Lane); **Taranaki Street** (Ghuznee Street to Wakefield St including York Street, Lukes and Halleys Lane); **Inglewood Place**; **Dixon Street** (Taranaki Street to Victoria Street, including Christeson Lane); **Manners St** (Taranaki Street to Victoria Street) and **Cuba Street** (Manners Street to Wakefield Street), from 4am Saturday 8 October until 6am Monday 10 October 2011.

The closures will also enable the positioning of a mobile screen and stage, for the use of bands and performers. There is a proposed entertainment programme from 12noon each day, building up to the live broadcast of both quarter-final matches (6pm and 8.30pm). In addition to the entertainment available, extra toilet and rubbish facilities will be provided. The liquor ban that covers public places in the CBD will stay in force over the quarter-finals weekend. Pedestrian entry into the area will be controlled by security in order to manage crowd capacity.

Pedestrian traffic only will be allowed within the closed area during the event. There will be limited, controlled vehicle access each day across the entire site to allow for deliveries and servicing to local business and residents.

The communication strategy for this event includes letter drops to residents and businesses; a hospitality sector forum; contact with industry associations, residents associations and body corporate's and face-to-face meetings with those most affected. The closures will also be incorporated into the Wellington City Council Rugby World Cup marketing and communications plans. These will include Dominion Post advertising and website listings. Road closure notification boards will be placed at each end of the closures at least two weeks before the event.

The road closures are to be traffic managed by a professional traffic management company. Emergency services will have immediate access to the area if required. During the event representatives from each of the emergency services will be located in the Event Control Room to coordinate joint agency responses to incidents. Public transport operators have been consulted with concerning the proposed closures and temporary bus stops and detour routes can be in place.

2. Rugby World Cup and Events Directorate Support

The Rugby World Cup is the most significant fixture on the City's Events Calendar for 2011. In the month preceding the quarter-finals weekend the city is presenting a festival of arts and activities in the Rugby Village Fanzone (capacity 3000), Civic Village family zone (capacity 1600) and across the city in venues along the waterfront and in the streets. Of the eight games hosted by Wellington, the two quarter-finals games will swell visitor numbers to an unprecedented high. This is coupled with predicted strong local interest in the play-off phase of the competition. The Courtenay Live Site event area will accommodate an additional 10,000 people wishing to join the atmosphere of watching games live on a Big Screen.

The proposed closure is supported by the Police, Rugby World Cup 2011 and the Rugby World Cup and Events Directorate.

3. Proposal Notice and Consultation

The public notice that the Council was proposing to consider this closure was published in the following newspaper:

- Dominion Post Saturday 14 May 2011

The New Zealand Police and the Ministry of Transport have also been consulted with.

Emergency services are closely involved in the event planning, including the development of emergency and incident management plans and site evacuation plans.

4. Objections

No objections were received in response to the proposal notice.

5. Traffic Impact Assessment

Prior Closures

None of the proposed closures for this event will result in a road being closed for an aggregate of more than 31 days in any year.

Traffic Impact

In the opinion of Soon Teck Kong, Manager Transport Network, acting as the Council's Traffic Engineer, the proposed closure, if implemented according to the plans provided, will impede traffic flows on several major routes. The proposed conditions below will mitigate some of the expected traffic congestion during the road closures. The expected congestion during the road closures is part of facilitating a public event and ensuring safety for the general public. However, the Council reserves the right to modify this opinion at any time. If, in the opinion of the Council, the closure may or does impede traffic unreasonably, any approval granted by the Regulatory Processes Committee may be revoked and the event organiser may be required to open the road at the direction of a suitably qualified Council officer in charge of traffic.

Conditions:

- The event organiser is to publicly notify the event via letter drop, newspaper advertisement, advanced signage and media releases.
- The event organiser is to ensure that the emergency services (Police, Fire and Ambulance Services) have been consulted with and that the Traffic Management Plan includes all of their specific requirements.
- The event organiser is to ensure that the affected property owners and businesses along the road closure are consulted with.
- The event organiser is to provide marshals at all road closure ends to ensure that public safety (interaction of traffic and spectators) is not compromised and adequate property access options are arranged for affected parties prior to the road closures and during the closure period.
- Detour routes are to be provided and clearly signed during the road closure period.
- The event organiser is to work with the public transport operators to provide alternative public transport routes and bus stops for the road closures.
- The event organiser is to provide further details of the Traffic Management Plan to Council for final approval prior to the event.

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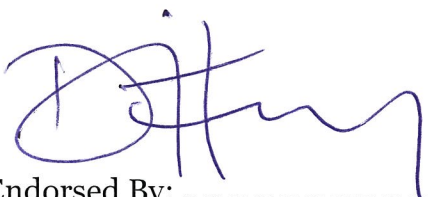
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ATTACHMENTS

- Copy of proposal notice from the newspaper
- Map of proposed closure

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