
REPORT 1
(1215/53/IM)

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES – 30 JULY 2011 TO 10 OCTOBER 2011

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval of the Regulatory Processes Committee for the temporary closure of roads in the Wellington District.

2. Executive Summary

The Wellington City Council has received applications from event organisers for approval to hold events involving temporary road closures. Details of each event and the expected impact on traffic are attached to this report as appendices.

- International Rugby Match New Zealand v South Africa – Saturday 30 July 2011 (**Appendix 1**)
- Rugby World Cup 2011 Stadium Area Closures – Sunday 11 September 2011 to Sunday 9 October 2011 (**Appendix 2**)
- Rugby World Cup 2011 Courtenay Live Site – Saturday 8 October 2011 to Monday 10 October 2011 (**Appendix 3**)

3. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that recommendations in this report should not be amended without first carrying out further consultation with affected parties and verification from the Council's Traffic Engineer that the amendment is not likely to cause unreasonable impact on traffic.*

3. Agree to close the following roads for the events as shown, to vehicles only, subject to the conditions listed in the Proposed Temporary Road Closure Impact Reports:

a. For the **International Rugby Match New Zealand v South Africa** event:

- i. Bunny Street (at its intersection with Featherston Street), on Saturday 30 July 2011, from 5.30pm to 10.30pm
- ii. Mulgrave Street (between Aitken Street and the intersection of Featherston Street and Thorndon Quay), on Saturday 30 July 2011, from 8.30pm to 10.30pm
- iii. Kate Sheppard Place (at its intersection with Mulgrave Street), on Saturday 30 July 2011, from 8.30pm to 10.30pm
- iv. Thorndon Quay (between Davis Street and Featherston Street - local access only), on Saturday 30 July 2011, from 8.30pm to 10.30pm
- v. Featherston Street (between Thorndon Quay and Whitmore Street – local access only), on Saturday 30 July 2011, from 8.30pm to 10.30pm
- vi. Stout Street (between Whitmore Street and Bunny Street – local access only), on Saturday 30 July 2011, from 8.30pm to 10.30pm
- vii. Note: 'local access' refers to residents, businesses and taxis; these closures are planned for pedestrian safety reasons; post-match closures will last for approximately one hour after the conclusion of the match; regular bus services will have marshalled access within the road closures – no alternative routes required; Wellington Railway Station can be accessed via the intersection of Bunny Street and Waterloo Quay for dropping off and picking up passengers; taxi ranks will be operational; the following roads may be managed for traffic and pedestrian safety by using lane closures, marshalled access and/or parking restrictions: Stout Street (access from Whitmore Street) and Mulgrave Street at its intersection with Aitken Street; detour route/s will be signposted; emergency services will have immediate access at all times; and

b. For the **Rugby World Cup 2011 Stadium Area Closures** events:

- i. Bunny Street (at its intersection with Featherston Street), on Sunday 11 September 2011, from 6.30pm to 11.30pm
- ii. Mulgrave Street (between Aitken Street and the intersection of Featherston Street and Thorndon Quay), on Sunday 11 September 2011, from 9.30pm to 11.30pm
- iii. Kate Sheppard Place (at its intersection with Mulgrave Street), on Sunday 11 September 2011, from 9.30pm to 11.30pm

- iv. *Thorndon Quay (between Davis Street and Featherston Street - local access only), on Sunday 11 September 2011, from 9.30pm to 11.30pm*
- v. *Featherston Street (between Thorndon Quay and Whitmore Street – local access only), on Sunday 11 September 2011, from 9.30pm to 11.30pm*
- vi. *Stout Street (between Whitmore Street and Bunny Street – local access only), on Sunday 11 September 2011, from 9.30pm to 11.30pm*

- vii. *Bunny Street (at it's intersection with Featherston Street), on Saturday 17 September 2011, from 4pm to 9pm*
- viii. *Mulgrave Street (between Aitken Street and the intersection of Featherston Street and Thorndon Quay), on Saturday 17 September 2011, from 7pm to 9pm*
- ix. *Kate Sheppard Place (at it's intersection with Mulgrave Street)), on Saturday 17 September 2011, from 7pm to 9pm*
- x. *Thorndon Quay (between Davis Street and Featherston Street - local access only)), on Saturday 17 September 2011, from 7pm to 9pm*
- xi. *Featherston Street (between Thorndon Quay and Whitmore Street – local access only)), on Saturday 17 September 2011, from 7pm to 9pm*
- xii. *Stout Street (between Whitmore Street and Bunny Street – local access only), on Saturday 17 September 2011, from 7pm to 9pm*

- xiii. *Bunny Street (at it's intersection with Featherston Street), on Friday 23 September 2011, from 6.30pm to 11.30pm*
- xiv. *Mulgrave Street (between Aitken Street and the intersection of Featherston Street and Thorndon Quay), on Friday 23 September 2011, from 9.30pm to 11.30pm*
- xv. *Kate Sheppard Place (at it's intersection with Mulgrave Street), on Friday 23 September 2011, from 9.30pm to 11.30pm*
- xvi. *Thorndon Quay (between Davis Street and Featherston Street - local access only), on Friday 23 September 2011, from 9.30pm to 11.30pm*
- xvii. *Featherston Street (between Thorndon Quay and Whitmore Street – local access only), on Friday 23 September 2011, from 9.30pm to 11.30pm*
- xviii. *Stout Street (between Whitmore Street and Bunny Street – local access only), on Friday 23 September 2011, from 9.30pm to 11.30pm*

- xix. *Bunny Street (at it's intersection with Featherston Street), on Sunday 25 September 2011, from 6.30pm to 11.30pm*

- xx. *Mulgrave Street (between Aitken Street and the intersection of Featherston Street and Thorndon Quay), on Sunday 25 September 2011, from 9.30pm to 11.30pm*
- xxi. *Kate Sheppard Place (at it's intersection with Mulgrave Street), on Sunday 25 September 2011, from 9.30pm to 11.30pm*
- xxii. *Thorndon Quay (between Davis Street and Featherston Street - local access only), on Sunday 25 September 2011, from 9.30pm to 11.30pm*
- xxiii. *Featherston Street (between Thorndon Quay and Whitmore Street – local access only), on Sunday 25 September 2011, from 9.30pm to 11.30pm*
- xxiv. *Stout Street (between Whitmore Street and Bunny Street – local access only), on Sunday 25 September 2011, from 9.30pm to 11.30pm*

- xxv. *Bunny Street (at it's intersection with Featherston Street), on Saturday 1 October 2011, from 4pm to 9pm*
- xxvi. *Mulgrave Street (between Aitken Street and the intersection of Featherston Street and Thorndon Quay), on Saturday 1 October 2011, from 7pm to 9pm*
- xxvii. *Kate Sheppard Place (at it's intersection with Mulgrave Street)), on Saturday 1 October 2011, from 7pm to 9pm*
- xxviii. *Thorndon Quay (between Davis Street and Featherston Street - local access only)), on Saturday 1 October 2011, from 7pm to 9pm*
- xxix. *Featherston Street (between Thorndon Quay and Whitmore Street – local access only)), on Saturday 1 October 2011, from 7pm to 9pm*
- xxx. *Stout Street (between Whitmore Street and Bunny Street – local access only), on Saturday 1 October 2011, from 7pm to 9pm*

- xxxi. *Bunny Street (at it's intersection with Featherston Street), on Sunday 2 October 2011, from 1.30pm to 6.30pm*
- xxxii. *Mulgrave Street (between Aitken Street and the intersection of Featherston Street and Thorndon Quay), on Sunday 2 October 2011, from 4.30pm to 6.30pm*
- xxxiii. *Kate Sheppard Place (at it's intersection with Mulgrave Street), on Sunday 2 October 2011, from 4.30pm to 6.30pm*
- xxxiv. *Thorndon Quay (between Davis Street and Featherston Street - local access only), on Sunday 2 October 2011, from 4.30pm to 6.30pm*
- xxxv. *Featherston Street (between Thorndon Quay and Whitmore Street – local access only), on Sunday 2 October 2011, from 4.30pm to 6.30pm*
- xxxvi. *Stout Street (between Whitmore Street and Bunny Street – local access only), on Sunday 2 October 2011, from 4.30pm to 6.30pm*

- xxxvii. Bunny Street (at it's intersection with Featherston Street), on Saturday 8 October 2011, from 4pm to 9pm*
- xxxviii. Mulgrave Street (between Aitken Street and the intersection of Featherston Street and Thorndon Quay), on Saturday 8 October 2011, from 7pm to 9pm*
- xxxix. Kate Sheppard Place (at it's intersection with Mulgrave Street)), on Saturday 8 October 2011, from 7pm to 9pm*
- xl. Thorndon Quay (between Davis Street and Featherston Street - local access only)), on Saturday 8 October 2011, from 7pm to 9pm*
- xli. Featherston Street (between Thorndon Quay and Whitmore Street – local access only)), on Saturday 8 October 2011, from 7pm to 9pm*
- xl.ii. Stout Street (between Whitmore Street and Bunny Street – local access only), on Saturday 8 October 2011, from 7pm to 9pm*

- xl.iii. Bunny Street (at it's intersection with Featherston Street), on Sunday 9 October 2011, from 4pm to 9pm*
- xl.iiii. Mulgrave Street (between Aitken Street and the intersection of Featherston Street and Thorndon Quay), on Sunday 9 October 2011, from 7pm to 9pm*
- xl.v. Kate Sheppard Place (at it's intersection with Mulgrave Street), on Sunday 9 October 2011, from 7pm to 9pm*
- xl.vi. Thorndon Quay (between Davis Street and Featherston Street - local access only), on Sunday 9 October 2011, from 7pm to 9pm*
- xl.vii. Featherston Street (between Thorndon Quay and Whitmore Street – local access only), on Sunday 9 October 2011, from 7pm to 9pm*
- xl.viii. Stout Street (between Whitmore Street and Bunny Street – local access only), on Sunday 9 October 2011, from 7pm to 9pm*
- xl.ix. Note for all Rugby World Cup 2011 matches at Wellington Regional Stadium: 'local access' refers to residents, businesses and taxis; these closures are planned for pedestrian safety reasons; post-match closures will last for approximately one hour after the conclusion of the matches; there will be no public vehicle access into the Wellington Regional Stadium for any RWC 2011 matches for dropping off and picking up passengers, unless the vehicle displays an approved Mobility Parking Permit; regular bus services will have marshalled access within the road closures, except on 8 and 9 October where they will bypass the Courtenay Place Live Site; Wellington Railway Station can be accessed via the intersection of Bunny Street and Waterloo Quay for dropping off and picking up passengers; taxi ranks will be operational; the following roads may be managed for*

traffic and pedestrian safety by using lane closures, marshalled access and/or parking restrictions: Stout Street (access from Whitmore Street), Mulgrave Street at its intersection with Aitken Street; detour route/s will be signposted; emergency services will have immediate access at all times; and

- c. For the **Rugby World Cup 2011 Courtenay Live Site** event:
- i. *Courtenay Place (all of Courtenay Place), from 4am Saturday 8 October to 6am Monday 10 October 2011*
 - ii. *Blair Street (all of Blair Street), from 4am Saturday 8 October to 6am Monday 10 October 2011*
 - iii. *Allen Street (all of Allen Street), from 4am Saturday 8 October to 6am Monday 10 October 2011*
 - iv. *Tory Street (between Wakefield Street and Tennyson Street – including Holland Street and Forresters Lane), from 4am Saturday 8 October to 6am Monday 10 October 2011*
 - v. *Taranaki Street (between Ghuznee Street and Wakefield Street - including York Street, Lukes and Halleys Lane), from 4am Saturday 8 October to 6am Monday 10 October 2011*
 - vi. *Inglewood Place (all of Inglewood Place), from 4am Saturday 8 October to 6am Monday 10 October 2011*
 - vii. *Dixon Street (between Taranaki Street and Victoria Street - including Christeson Lane), from 4am Saturday 8 October to 6am Monday 10 October 2011*
 - viii. *Manners Street (between Taranaki Street and Victoria Street), from 4am Saturday 8 October to 6am Monday 10 October 2011*
 - ix. *Cuba Street (between Manners Street and Wakefield Street), from 4am Saturday 8 October to 6am Monday 10 October 2011*
 - x. *Note: local access will be provided each morning, including resident, business, service and delivery vehicles; emergency services will have immediate access at all times.*

4. Background

The Council has received a number of requests for the public road to be closed for events (as detailed in the impact reports attached). These requests have been processed, and this report to the Regulatory Processes Committee has been prepared, in accordance with the procedures that were approved by the Committee on 15 December 2010.

5. Discussion

5.1 *Proposal Notice and Consultation*

Affected stakeholders were notified that the Council was going to consider the proposed temporary road closures through an advertisement in the Dominion Post. The New Zealand Police and the Ministry of Transport have also been consulted with. Any correspondence received in response to the proposed closures has been included in the attached reports. The traffic management plans for each event show how any objections raised will be managed.

5.2 *Alignment with Council Strategies and Policies*

The Rugby World Cup and Events Directorate has assessed each of the proposed events with regard to their contribution towards the Council's strategies and policies. The proposed events support the Council's strategy to be the "events capital" of the country and will contribute to the economic success of the city.

5.3 *Traffic Impact Assessment*

The Manager, Transport Network, acting as the Council's Traffic Engineer, has assessed the proposed closures with regard to expected impact on traffic. The Traffic Engineer has provided a professional opinion as to whether the resulting impact on traffic is likely to be reasonable or unreasonable. The proposed closures, if implemented according to the proposed traffic management plans and in accordance with any specific conditions set by the Traffic Engineer, should not result in unreasonable impact on traffic. If, in the opinion of the Council, the closure may or does impede traffic unreasonably, any approval granted by the Council may be revoked and the event organiser may be required to open the road at the direction of the Council's Traffic Engineer.

6. Conclusion

Approval is required from the Regulatory Processes Committee to allow for the temporary closure of roads in the Wellington District for events supported by the Wellington City Council. This will ensure that the Wellington City Council is complying with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1974 for the temporary closure of roads within its jurisdiction.

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Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

Temporary road closures for events contribute to the council's desire to be the events capital of New Zealand. Specific council strategies that are supported by this include:

- More liveable – through prudent management of the road network.
- More eventful – some events may not be possible without temporary road closures.
- More actively engaged – affected stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide feedback on proposed closures.
- Better connected – through better management of traffic flows. Conversely road closures could sever key transport routes.
- More prosperous – the film industry relies on road closures, and other types of events increase commercial activity.

2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

Administration of the proposed closures is budgeted for under Annual Plan Project C481 Network Activity Coordination. There will be no long term financial impact to the Council resulting from these closures.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

No significant Treaty implications.

4) Decision-Making

This is not considered to be a significant decision.

5) Consultation

a) General Consultation

Key event organisers and other stakeholders (such as public transport and emergency services) have been consulted with to determine whether they would be impacted by the proposed closures, and where appropriate any traffic management plans have been modified accordingly.

b) Consultation with Maori

No specific consultation with Maori was carried out.

6) Legal Implications

The process used to consider the proposed closures for approval is in accordance with the advice provided by the council's lawyers.

7) Consistency with existing policy

The plans for the proposed closures and this report have been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management and the process approved by the Regulatory Processes Committee.