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**REPORT 1**  
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## **PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES – 4 SEPTEMBER 2011 TO 11 DECEMBER 2011**

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### **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.

- Wellington Car Club Shelly Bay Sealed Sprint – Sunday 4 September 2011 (Appendix 1)
- Santa Parade - Sunday 13 November 2011 (Appendix 2)
- Thorndon Fair – Sunday 4 December 2011 (Appendix 3)
- Khandallah Village Fair – Sunday 11 December 2011 (Appendix 4)

### **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 Wellington Car Club Shelly Bay Sealed Sprint event:*
    - (i) *Massey Road (between the north end of Scorching Bay Reserve and the northern entrance of the former Shelly Bay Defence Base), on Sunday 4 September 2011, from 7am to 6pm and;*

- (b) *For the Santa Parade event:*
- (i) *Ballance Street (between Lambton Quay and Featherston Street)*
  - (ii) *Stout Street (between Lambton Quay and Whitmore Street – exit to parking building to remain open)*
  - (iii) *Maginnity Street (between Waring Taylor Street and Ballance Street), on Sunday 13 November 2011, from 7am to 3pm (to allow for the formation of the Parade).  
Postponement date Sunday 20 November 2011*
  - (iv) *Lambton Quay (between Whitmore Street and Willis Street)*
  - (v) *Willis Street (between Lambton Quay and Manners Street)*
  - (vi) *Customhouse Quay (between Willis Street and Hunter Street)*
  - (vii) *Willeston Street (between Willis Street and Victoria Street)*
  - (viii) *Mercer Street*
  - (ix) *Victoria Street (between Harris Street and Dixon Street)*
  - (x) *Bond Street*
  - (xi) *Lombard Street*
  - (xii) *Cornhill Street*
  - (xiii) *Wakefield Street (between Mercer Street and Cuba Street/Michael Fowler Centre Car Park)*
  - (xiv) *Cuba Street (between Wakefield Street and Manners Street)*
  - (xv) *Manners Street (between Willis Street and Taranaki Street), on Sunday 13 November 2011, from 10am to 5pm (for the Parade itself). Postponement date Sunday 20 November 2011 and;*
- (c) *For the Thorndon Fair event:*
- (i) *Tinakori Road (between Bowen Street and Harriet Street)*
  - (ii) *Hill Street (between Tinakori Road and Selwyn Terrace), on Sunday 4 December 2011, from 7.30am to 5.30pm and;*
- (d) *For the Khandallah Village Fair event:*
- (i) *Ganges Road (between Agra Crescent and Dekka Street), on Sunday 11 December 2011, from 7am to 5pm.*

## **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.