

# REGULATORY PROCESSES COMMITTEE

Appendix 6

# PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IMPACT REPORT:

# WELLINGTON CAR CLUB ALEXANDRA ROAD HILLCLIMB – SUNDAY 18 MARCH 2012

#### 1. Description of Event

The Wellington Car Club (Inc) has once again applied to run this annual event. The 2012 event will form part of the NZ Hillclimb Championships, where the Wellington Car Club is running the final round of this national series as part of their 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. A gravel Hillclimb event will run in Upper Hutt on the Saturday and this event is proposed for the Sunday. The event is sanctioned by Motorsport New Zealand and run under their approval by way of an Event Organisers Permit. The event has been carried out on this section of road, as advised by the Club, since the 1960's.

It is therefore proposed to close **Alexandra Road** (between Constable Street and the Lookout Road), to vehicle traffic – with closure points being as in the past at the intersections of Constable Street, Upoko Road and Lookout Road, on Sunday 18 March 2012, from 7am to 6pm. Pedestrian and walker access will be controlled via marshalled crossing points, as detailed in the clubs Traffic Management Plan.

Road closure notification boards will be placed at each end of the closure at least one week prior to the event. Residents and local sports clubs will receive a letter drop advising them of the event and the road closures. The Bus and Coach Association and known tour companies will be informed of the proposal and it's affect on Alexandra Road. The event is also to be advertised in the Our Wellington Page of the Dominion Post in the week preceding the event.

The event is to be traffic managed by the Club's approved traffic management plan. Emergency services will have immediate access to the area if required.

## 2. City Events Directorate Support

The City Events Directorate has no connection with or objection to this event.

### 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 12 November 2011

The N.Z. Bus and Coach Association and local tour bus companies have had this proposal communicated directly to them.

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

### 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, is not likely to impede traffic unreasonably subject to the conditions below. 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, local 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.
- Additional signage at Constable St and information to advise motorists to use an alternate route via Hawker St to the Lookout.
- Safe vehicle turning areas are to be provided for motorists where the roads and intersections are closed to public access.

Signed:

Soon Teck Kong

Manager Transport Network

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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

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