
PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES - JANUARY TO MARCH 2013

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.

- Rugby 7's Street Parade – Thursday 31 January 2013 (Appendix I)
- Rugby 7's Street Closures – Saturday 2 February to Sunday 3 February 2013 (Appendix II)
- St Anthony's School Gala – Saturday 16 February 2013 (Appendix III)
- The 'Golden Mile' Road Race – Saturday 23 February 2013 (Appendix IV)
- Wellington Chinese New Year Parade – Sunday 24 February 2013 (Appendix V)
- Contact Tri Series – Saturday 9 March 2013 (Appendix VI)
- Kilbirnie Festival – Sunday 10 March 2013 (Appendix VII)
- Alexandra Road Sealed Hill Climb – Sunday 17 March 2013 (Appendix VIII)

3. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Regulatory Processes Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *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 Rugby 7's Street Parade – Assembly, Thursday 31 January 2013, from 7am to 1.30pm:*
 - (i) *Stout Street – between Lambton Quay and Ballance Street (Parade assembly only – no through traffic – access to Creative NZ dockway will be maintained).*
 - (ii) *Ballance Street – between Lambton Quay and Stout Street (Parade assembly only – no through traffic – access for Court vehicles will be maintained).*

- (b) *For the Rugby 7's Street Parade – Parade, Thursday 31 January 2013, from 12.15pm to 1.30pm:*
- (i) *Lambton Quay – between Whitmore and Willis Streets.*
 - (ii) *Willis Street – between Lambton Quay and Manners Street.*
 - (iii) *Mercer Street – between Willis and Victoria Streets.*
 - (iv) *Victoria Street – between Harris and Wakefield Streets.*
 - (v) *Wakefield Street – northern side between Victoria and Cuba Streets.*
- (c) *For the Rugby 7's Street Closures – Saturday 2 February to Sunday 3 February 2013, from 5pm to 6am:*
- (i) *Courtenay Place – between Cambridge Terrace and Taranaki Street.*
 - (ii) *Blair Street – between Courtenay Place and Wakefield Street (limited resident access).*
 - (iii) *Allen Street – between Courtenay Place and Wakefield Street (limited resident access).*
 - (iv) *Tory Street – between Wakefield and Tennyson Streets, including Holland Street and Forresters Lane (limited resident access).*
 - (v) *Taranaki Street – between Wakefield and Ghuznee Streets, including York Street, Lukes and Halleys Lanes (limited resident access)*
 - (vi) *Inglewood Place – between Taranaki and Dixon Streets (limited access to parking facility)*
 - (vii) *Dixon Street – between Taranaki and Victoria Streets, including Christeson Lane.*
 - (viii) *Manners Street – between Taranaki and Victoria Streets.*
 - (ix) *Cuba Street – between Manners and Wakefield Streets.*
- (d) *For the St Anthonys' School Gala event, Saturday 16 February 2013, from 10am to 4pm:*
- (i) *Ludlam Street – between Ferry Street and Falkirk Avenue.*
- (e) *For the 'Golden Mile' Road Race event, Saturday 23 February 2013, from 11am to 5pm:*
- (i) *Lambton Quay – between Whitmore and Willis Streets.*
 - (ii) *Stout Street – between Lambton Quay and Ballance Street.*
 - (iii) *Waring Taylor Street – between Maginnity Street and Lambton Quay.*
 - (iv) *Johnston Street – between Lambton Quay and Featherston Street (exit from the parking facility will be maintained).*
 - (v) *Brandon Street – between Featherston Street and Lambton Quay.*
 - (vi) *Panama Street – between Lambton Quay and Featherston Street.*
 - (vii) *Woodward Street*

- (f) *For the Wellington Chinese New Year Parade event, Sunday 24 February 2013, from 8am to 2.30pm:*
 - (i) *Tennyson Street – between Tory Street and Cambridge Terrace.*

- (g) *For the Contact Tri Series event, Saturday 9 March 2013, from 6am to 2pm:*
 - (i) *Barnett Street – exit from Te Papa carpark to be maintained.*
 - (ii) *Cable Street – between Tory Street and Oriental Parade (one seaward lane closed)*
 - (iii) *Oriental Parade – between Cable Street and Evans Bay Parade.*
 - (iv) *Evans Bay Parade – between Oriental Parade and just north of 301 Evans Bay Parade (Niwa Building).*
 - (v) *Carlton Gore Road – between Oriental Parade and Maida Vale Road.*

- (h) *For the Kilbirnie Festival event, Sunday 10 March 2013, from 6am to 6pm:*
 - (i) *Bay Road – between Rongotai Road and Coutts Street.*

- (i) *For the Alexandra Road Sealed Hillclimb event, Sunday 17 March 2013, from 7am to 6pm:*
 - (i) *Alexandra Road – between Constable Street and the Lookout Road.*

3. *Note that the 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.*

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 Consultation and Engagement

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 will show how any objections raised are to be managed.

5.2 Financial considerations

There are no significant financial considerations to be addressed in regards to the proposed closures.

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.

5.4 Long-term plan considerations

The City Services and Events Directorate have 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.

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) LTP/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.