
REPORT 1
(1215/52/06/IM)

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES – 18 JANUARY 2010 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2010

1. Purpose of Report

To seek the approval of the Temporary Road Closures Subcommittee, as per the approved process, 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.

- Supreme Court Opening Ceremony – Monday 18 January 2010 (**Appendix 1**)
- Island Bay Festival Events – Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 February 2010 (**Appendix 2**)
- NZCT Women's Cycling Tour of New Zealand – Sunday 28 February 2010 (**Appendix 3**)

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Subcommittee:

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

For the **Supreme Court Opening Ceremony** event:

- **Ballance Street** (between Stout Street and Lambton Quay), on Monday 18 January 2010, from 7am until 2pm
- **Lambton Quay** (eastern side from the south side of the Whitmore Street intersection up to, and including, the intersection of Ballance Street), on Monday 18 January 2010, from 9.30am until 1.30pm; and

For the **Ribble Street Races** event (part of the Island Bay Festival):

- **Ribble Street**, on Saturday 13 February 2010, from 8am to 4.30pm (postponement date Sunday 14 February 2010); and

For the **“Day at the Bay”** event (part of the Island Bay Festival):

- **Reef Street** (between The Esplanade and The Parade)
- **The Esplanade** (between Derwent Street and Brighton Street), on Sunday 14 February 2010, from 6am to 6pm; and

For the **NZCT Women’s Cycling Tour of New Zealand** event:

- **Lambton Quay** (Bowen Street to Willis Street, except for traffic turning left from Brandon Street into Lambton Quay)
- **Ballance Street** (Lambton Quay to Stout Street)
- **Stout Street** (Lambton Quay to Ballance Street)
- **Waring Taylor Street** (closed to traffic from Maginnity Street to Lambton Quay)
- **Johnston Street** (closed to through traffic from Lambton Quay to Featherston Street)
- **Brandon Street** (closed to through traffic from Featherston Street turning right into Lambton Quay), on Sunday 28 February 2010, from 12noon until 5.30pm for the **NZCT Women’s Cycling Tour of New Zealand** event

subject to the conditions listed in the Proposed Temporary Road Closure Impact Reports.

4. Background

The Temporary Road Closures Subcommittee, at its meeting on Thursday 28 June 2007, approved a process for the Council to follow to comply with the Local Government Act 1974 (Schedule 10) provisions for temporary road closures for events.

Processes have been established to implement these procedures, including the required communications and consultation prior to any approval of a closure.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the approved procedures.

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 adverts 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 City Events Team 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 Temporary Road Closures Subcommittee 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 Temporary Road Closures Subcommittee 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 process approved by the Temporary Road Closures Subcommittee on 28 June 2007.