
REPORT 1
(1215/52/06/IM)

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES – 4 FEBRUARY 2010 TO 14 MARCH 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.

- International Rugby Sevens Parade – Thursday 4 February 2010
(Appendix 1)
- International Rugby Sevens Street Party – Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 February 2010 **(Appendix 2)**
- Wellington Chinese New Year Street Parade – Sunday 14 February 2010
(Appendix 3)
- Wellington Round the Bays Fun Run – Sunday 21 February 2010
(Appendix 4)
- Mt Victoria Inner City Festival – Saturday 27 February 2010
(Appendix 5)
- Newtown Festival Fair Day – Sunday 7 March 2010
(Appendix 6)
- Kilbirnie Festival Fair Day – Sunday 14 March 2010
(Appendix 7)

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:*

- a. *For the International Rugby Sevens Parade event:*
 - i. *Stout Street (between Whitmore Street and Bunny Street) - for the parade assembly, on Thursday 4 February 2010, from 9am to 1.30pm; and*

- b. *For the International Rugby Sevens Street Party event:*
 - i. *Courtenay Place (all of Courtenay Place, between Cambridge Terrace and Taranaki Street), from 5pm Saturday 6 February to 6am Sunday 7 February 2010; and*

- c. *For the Wellington Chinese New Year Street Parade event:*
 - i. *Tennyson Street (between Tory Street and Cambridge Terrace) - for the parade assembly, on Sunday 14 February 2010, from 9am to 2.30pm; and*

- d. *For the Wellington Round the Bays Fun Run event - Sunday 21 February 2010:*
 - i. *Customhouse Quay (all southbound lanes between Whitmore Street and Jervois Quay), from 7am to 11am*
 - ii. *Jervois Quay (all southbound lanes between Customhouse Quay and Cable Street), from 7am to 11am*
 - iii. *Cable Street (between Jervois Quay and Oriental Parade, right hand lane open from Chaffers Street to Kent Terrace), from 7am to 11am*
 - iv. *Oriental Parade (all), from 8.20am to 11am*
 - v. *Evans Bay Parade (all), from 8.20am to 11.30am*
 - vi. *Wellington Road (one-way between Crawford Road and Ruahine Street), from 8.30am to 11.30am*
 - vii. *Shelly Bay Road (all), from 8.45am to 12noon*
 - viii. *Massey Road (between Shelly Bay Road and approximately Point Gordon), from 8.45am to 12noon; and*

- e. *For the Mt Victoria Inner City Festival event on Saturday 27 February 2010, from 8am to 5pm (postponement date Sunday 28 February 2010):*
 - i. *Roxburgh Street (between Majoribanks Street and number 27 Roxburgh Street) and,*
 - ii. *Caroline Street (all); and*

- f. *For the Newtown Festival Fair Day event on Sunday 7 March 2010, from 6am to 8pm:*
 - i. *Riddiford Street (between Mein Street and a point between Donald McLean Street and Gordon Street)*
 - ii. *Rintoul Street (between Riddiford Street and Colombo Street)*
 - iii. *Constable Street (between Riddiford Street and Daniell Street)*
 - iv. *Emmett Street (all)*
 - v. *Green Street (all)*
 - vi. *Wilson Street (for approximately 80 metres east off Riddiford Street)*
 - vii. *Newtown Avenue (for approximately 80 metres east off Riddiford Street)*

- viii. *Normanby Street (for approximately 80 metres east off Riddiford Street) and,*
 - ix. *Donald McLean Street (for approximately 3 metres east off Riddiford Street),; and*
- g. For the Kilbirnie Festival Fair Day event:*
- i. *Bay Road (between Rongotai Road and Coutts Street), on Sunday 14 March 2010, from 6am to 6pm*

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.