

REPORT 1
(1215/52/06/IM)

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES – 25 NOVEMBER 2010 TO 12 MARCH 2011

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.

- White Ribbon Day Race – Thursday 25 November 2010 (Appendix 1)
- Women's International Cycling Tour of Wellington – Sunday 27 February 2011 (Appendix 2)
- National Triathlon Championships – Saturday 12 March 2011 (Appendix 3)

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Subcommittee:

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 White Ribbon Day Race event:*
 - (i) *Lambton Quay (seaward side only between Bunny Street and Panama Street, and then both sides from Panama Street to Willis Street)*
 - (ii) *Willis Street (between Lambton Quay/Willeston Street intersection to Manners Street)*
 - (iii) *Mercer Street (between Willis Street and Victoria Street)*
 - (iv) *Victoria Street (between Harris Street and Mercer Street), on Thursday 25 November 2010, from 11.50am to 12.20pm; and*

- (b) *For the Women's International Cycling Tour of Wellington event:*
 - (i) *Lambton Quay (closed between Bowen Street and Willis Street except for traffic turning left from Brandon Street into Lambton Quay)*
 - (ii) *Ballance Street (between Lambton Quay and Stout Street)*
 - (iii) *Stout Street (between Lambton Quay and Ballance Street)*
 - (iv) *Waring Taylor Street (closed to through traffic between Maginnity Street and Lambton Quay)*
 - (v) *Johnston Street (closed to through traffic between Lambton Quay and Featherston Street)*
 - (vi) *Brandon Street (closed to through traffic turning right into Lambton Quay), on Sunday 27 February 2011, from 12.00pm to 5.30pm; and*

- (c) *For the National Triathlon Championships event:*
 - (i) *Oriental Parade (between Cable Street and Evans Bay Parade), limited resident access only*
 - (ii) *Evans Bay Parade (between Oriental Parade to just north of the NIWA building, 301 Evans Bay Parade), limited resident access only*
 - (iii) *Carlton Gore Road (between Oriental Parade and the intersection of Carlton Gore Road and Maida Vale Road), limited resident access only, on Saturday 12 March 2011, from 6.00am to 2.00pm.*

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 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 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.