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PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES – 16 JANUARY 2011 TO 20 MARCH 2011

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.

- Bollywood Filming – Sunday 16 to Monday 31 January 2011 (appendix 1)
- Rugby Seven's Parade - Thursday 3 February 2011 (appendix 2)
- Rugby Seven's Street Party – Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 February 2011 (appendix 3)
- Island Bay Festival Events – Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 February 2011 (appendix 4)
- Wellington Chinese New Year Street Parade - Sunday 13 February 2011 (appendix 5)
- Wild Wellington Mt Bike Relay - Saturday 19 February 2011 (appendix 6)
- St Anthony's Church Bazaar - Saturday 19 February 2011 (appendix 7)
- Round the Bays Fun Run - Sunday 20 February 2011 (appendix 8)
- Mt Victoria Inner City Festival - Saturday 26 February 2011 (appendix 9)
- Newtown Fair - Sunday 6 March 2011 (appendix 10)
- Kilbirnie Festival - Sunday 13 March 2011 (appendix 11)
- Wellington Car Club Alexandra Road Sealed Hillclimb – Sunday 20 March 2011 (appendix 12)

3. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Committee:

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 Bollywood Filming event:*

- (i) *Featherston Street (between Waring Taylor Street and Panama Street), on Sunday 16, Sunday 23 and Monday 24 January 2011, from 5.30am to 9.30pm*
- (ii) *Brandon Street (between Customhouse Quay and Lambton Quay - limited resident access), on Sunday 16, Sunday 23 and Monday 24 January 2011, from 5.30am to 9.30pm*
- (iii) *Johnston Street (between Lambton Quay and Customhouse Quay – limited resident access), on Sunday 16 and Sunday 23 January 2011, from 5.30am to 9.30pm*
- (iv) *Woodward Street (between The Terrace and Lambton Quay), on Saturday 22 January 2011, from 6.30–10am*
- (v) *The Terrace pedestrian access-way/under-pass (from the Clifton Terrace car park to Woodward Street), on Saturday 22 January 2011, from 6.30am–7pm*
- (vi) *Massey Road (at the peninsula, from a point midway in Kau Bay to a point several hundred metres south of Point Halswell), on Monday 31 January 2011, from 5.30am to 9.30pm; and*

(b) *For the Rugby Seven's Parade and assembly event:*

- (i) *Stout Street (between Lambton Quay and Ballance Street - access to Creative N.Z. dockway maintained)*
- (ii) *Ballance Street (between Lambton Quay and Stout Street - access for Court vehicles maintained), on Thursday 3 February 2011, from 9am to 1.30pm, to allow for the parade assembly*
- (iii) *Lambton Quay (between Whitmore Street to Willis Street)*
- (iv) *Willis Street (between Lambton Quay/Willeston Street intersection and Manners Street)*
- (v) *Mercer Street (between Willis Street and Victoria Street)*
- (vi) *Victoria Street (between Harris Street and Mercer Street, includes Mercer Street/Wakefield Street intersection drop off area)*
- (vii) *Wakefield Street (northern side between Victoria Street), on Thursday 3 February 2011, from 12.40pm to 1.40pm; and*

(c) *For the Rugby Seven's Street Party event:*

- (i) *Courtenay Place (all of Courtenay Place between Cambridge Terrace and Taranaki Street)*
- (ii) *Blair Street (all of Blair Street – limited resident access)*
- (iii) *Allen Street (all of Allen Street – limited resident access)*
- (iv) *Tory Street (between Wakefield Street and Forresters Lane – limited resident access), from 5pm Saturday 5 February to 6am Sunday 6 February 2011*

- (v) *Taranaki Street (between Ghuznee Street and Wakefield Street, including York Street, Lukes and Halleys Lane – limited residents' access)*
 - (vi) *Inglewood Place (limited resident access to the parking building)*
 - (vii) *Dixon Street (between Courtenay Place and Egmont Street)*
 - (viii) *Manners Street (between Courtenay Place and Lukes Lane), from 9pm Saturday 5 to 6am Sunday 6 February 2011; and*
- (d) *For the Island Bay Festival events:*
- (i) *Ribble Street (all of Ribble Street), on Saturday 12 February 2011, from 8am to 4.30pm (postponement date Sunday 13 February)*
 - (ii) *Reef Street (between The Esplanade and The Parade)*
 - (iii) *The Esplanade (between Derwent Street and Brighton Street), on Sunday 13 February 2011, from 6am to 6pm; and*
- (e) *For the Wellington Chinese New Year Parade event:*
- (i) *Tennyson Street (between Tory Street and Cambridge Terrace – parade assembly only), on Sunday 13 February 2011, from 9am to 2.30pm*
- (f) *For the Wild Wellington Mountain Bike Relay event:*
- (i) *Alexandra Road (between Constable Street and a point just before the access road to the Mt Victoria Lookout), on Saturday 19 February 2011, from 8am to 10pm; and*
- (g) *For the St Anthony's Bazaar event:*
- (i) *Ludlam Street (between Ferry Street and Falkirk Avenue), on Saturday 19 February 2011, from 10am to 4pm; and*
- (h) *For the Round the Bays Fun Run event, Sunday 20 February 2011:*
- (i) *Customhouse Quay (southbound lanes between Whitmore Street and Jervois Quay), from 7am to 11am*
 - (ii) *Jervois Quay (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 of Oriental Parade), from 8.20am to 11am*
 - (v) *Evans Bay Parade (all of Evans Bay Parade), from 8.20am to 11am*
 - (vi) *Wellington Road (one-way between Crawford Road and Ruahine Street), from 8.30am to 11.30am*
 - (vii) *Shelly Bay Road (all of Shelly Bay Road), from 8.45am to 12noon*
 - (viii) *Massey Road (between Shelly Bay Road and approximately Point Gordon) from 8.45am to 12noon; and*
- (i) *For the Mt Victoria Inner City Festival event:*

- (i) *Roxburgh Street (between Majoribanks Street and number 27 Roxburgh Street)*
 - (ii) *Caroline Street (all of Caroline Street), on Saturday 26 February 2011, from 8am to 5pm (postponement date Sunday 27 February); and*
- (j) *For the Newtown Fair event, Sunday 6 March 2011, from 6am to 8pm:*
- (i) *Riddiford Street (between Mein Street and a point just south of Donald McLean Street)*
 - (ii) *Rintoul Street (between Riddiford Street and Colombo Street)*
 - (iii) *Constable Street (between Riddiford Street and Daniell Street)*
 - (iv) *Emmett Street (all of Emmett Street)*
 - (v) *Green Street (all of Green Street closed)*
 - (vi) *Wilson Street (for approximately 80 metres east off Riddiford Street – note: this closure extends to 9.30pm)*
 - (vii) *Newtown Avenue (for approximately 80m east off Riddiford Street)*
 - (viii) *Normanby Street (closed for approximately 80m east off Riddiford Street)*
 - (ix) *Donald McLean Street (closed for approximately 5m east off Riddiford Street); and*
- (k) *For the Kilbirnie Festival event:*
- (i) *Bay Road (between Rongotai Road and Coutts Street), on Sunday 13 March 2011, from 6am to 6pm; and*
- (l) *For the Wellington Car Club Alexandra Road Sealed Hillclimb event:*
- (i) *Alexandra Road (between Constable Street and the Lookout Road), on Sunday 20 March 2011, from 7am to 6pm.*

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 previously approved for temporary road closures.

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 Rugby World Cup and Events Directorate 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 Council 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 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) 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 Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management and the process previously approved by the Temporary Road Closures Subcommittee.