
REPORT 1
(1215/53/IM)

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES – 10 APRIL 2011 TO 19 JUNE 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.

- Real Women's Duathlon – Sunday 10 April 2011 (Appendix 1)
- ANZAC Day Commemorations – Monday 25 April 2011 (Appendix 2)
- Armstrong Motor Group Wellington Marathon, Half Marathon and 10km Run – Sunday 19 June 2011 (Appendix 3)

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 Real Women's Duathlon event:*
 - (i) *Oriental Parade (between Cable Street and Evans Bay Parade – resident access only), on Sunday 10 April 2011, from 6am to 10am*
 - (ii) *Evans Bay Parade (between Oriental Parade and Cobham Drive – resident access only), on Sunday 10 April 2011, from 6am to 10am; and*

- (b) *For the ANZAC Day Commemorations event:*
- (i) *Bunny Street (between Featherston Street and Lambton Quay), on Monday 25 April 2011, between 5am and 6.30am*
 - (ii) *Lambton Quay (between Bunny Street and Ballance Street), on Monday 25 April 2011, between 5am and 6.30am*
 - (iii) *Bowen Street (between The Terrace and Lambton Quay), on Monday 25 April 2011, between 5am and 6.30am*
 - (iv) *Whitmore Street (between Stout Street and Lambton Quay), on Monday 25 April 2011, between 5am and 6.30am*
 - (v) *Molesworth Street (between Lambton Quay/Bunny Street intersection and Hill Street), on Monday 25 April 2011, from 10.15am to 10.45am*
 - (vii) *Lambton Quay (northbound side between the Cenotaph and Molesworth Street), on Monday 25 April 2011, from 10.15am to 10.45am; and*
- (c) *For the Armstrong Motor Group Marathon, Half Marathon and 10km Run event:*
- (i) *Shelly Bay Road (between Miramar Avenue and Massey Road), on Sunday 19 June 2011, from 8am to 11.30am*
 - (ii) *Massey Road (between Shelly Bay Road and just north of Scorching Bay), on Sunday 19 June 2011, from 8am to 11.30am*
 - (iii) *Note: the following roads will remain open but may be used for traffic safety measures such as lane closures, one-way systems, marshalled access, temporary detours and/or parking restrictions:*
Waterloo Quay to lower Taranaki Street (on Sunday 19 June 2011, from 6.30am to 9.45am) – seaward side lane closure;
Herd Street (on Sunday 19 June 2011, from 9am to 1pm) – marshalled access;
Oriental Parade (Cable Street to Evans Bay Parade on Sunday 19 June 2011, from 7am to 11am) – landward side one-way traffic system and
Evans Bay Parade (Oriental Parade to Cobham Drive on Sunday 19 June 2011, from 7am to 11am) – temporary detour, landward side one-way traffic system.

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 *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 approved by the Regulatory Processes Committee.