
REPORT 2
(1215/53/IM)

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES – 2 FEBRUARY 2012 TO 18 MARCH 2012

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.

- Rugby Sevens Street Parade Assembly and Street Parade - Thursday 2 February (Appendix 1)
- Rugby Sevens Street Closure - Saturday 4 February to Sunday 5 February (Appendix 2)
- Wellington Chinese New Year Parade - Sunday 12 February (Appendix 3)
- 2012 National Triathlon Championships - Saturday 10 March (Appendix 4)
- Kilbirnie Festival - Sunday 11 March (Appendix 5)
- Wellington Car Club Alexandra Road Sealed Hillclimb - Sunday 18 March (Appendix 6)

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 Rugby Sevens Street Parade Assembly event, Thursday 2 February 2012, from 7am to 1.30pm:*
 - (i) *Stout Street (between Lambton Quay and Ballance Street), access to Creative New Zealand dock way will be maintained*
 - (ii) *Ballance Street (between Lambton Quay and Stout Street), access for court vehicles will be maintained; and*

- (b) *For the Rugby Sevens Street Parade event, Thursday 2 February 2012, from 12.40pm to 1.55pm:*
 - (i) *Lambton Quay (between Whitmore Street and Willis Street)*
 - (ii) *Willis Street (between the Lambton Quay/Willeston Street intersection and Manners Street)*
 - (iii) *Mercer Street (between Willis Street and Victoria Street)*
 - (iv) *Victoria Street (between Harris Street and Mercer Street, including the Mercer Street/Wakefield Street intersection drop-off area)*
 - (v) *Wakefield Street (northern side between Victoria Street and Cuba Street); and*

- (c) *For the Rugby Sevens Street Closure event, from 5pm Saturday 4 February to 6am Sunday 5 February 2012:*
 - (i) *Courtenay Place (all of, 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 Tennyson Street, including Holland Street and Forrester's Lane - limited resident access)*
 - (v) *Taranaki Street (between Wakefield Street and Ghuznee Street, including York Street, Lukes and Halley's Lane -limited resident access)*
 - (vi) *Inglewood Place (all of - limited access to the Tournament parking building)*
 - (vii) *Dixon Street (between Taranaki Street and Victoria Street, including Christeson Lane)*
 - (viii) *Manners Street (between Taranaki Street and Victoria Street)*
 - (ix) *Cuba Street (between Manners Street and Wakefield Street); and*

- (d) *For the Wellington Chinese New Year Parade event, Sunday 12 February 2012, from 9am to 2.30pm:*
 - (i) *Tennyson Street (between Tory Street and Cambridge Terrace – parade assembly only); and*

- (e) *For the 2012 National Triathlon Championships event, Saturday 10 March 2012, from 6am to 2pm:*
 - (i) *Barnett Street (closed except for an exit from Te Papa car park)*
 - (ii) *Cable Street (one seaward lane closed from Tory Street to Oriental Parade)*

- (iii) *Oriental Parade (all of Oriental Parade closed, from Cable Street to Evans Bay Parade)*
 - (iv) *Evans Bay Parade (closed from Oriental Parade to just north of the NIWA building, 301 Evans Bay Parade)*
 - (v) *Carlton Gore Road (closed from Oriental Parade to the intersection of Carlton Gore Road and Maida Vale Road); and*
- (f) *For the Kilbirnie Festival event, Sunday 11 March 2012, from 6am to 6pm:*
- (i) *Bay Road – between Rongotai Road and Coutts Street; and*
- (g) *For the Wellington Car Club Alexandra Road Sealed Hillclimb event, Sunday 18 March 2012, from 7am to 6pm:*
- (i) *Alexandra Road – between Constable Street and the Lookout Road.*

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 City 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.