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**REPORT 1**  
(1215/52/06/IM)

## **PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES – 14 DECEMBER 2009 TO 19 DECEMBER 2009**

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### **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.

- The Lovely Bones Red Carpet Premiere – Monday 14 December 2009  
**(Appendix 1)**
- Neighbourhood Christmas Party event – Saturday 19 December 2009  
**(Appendix 2)**

### **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:*

*For the **Lovely Bones Red Carpet Premiere** event:*

- **Courtenay Place** (between Tory Street and Cambridge Terrace)
- **Cambridge Terrace** (between Tennyson Street and Wakefield Street)
- **Kent Terrace** (between Wakefield Street and Elizabeth Street)
- **Majoribanks Street** (between Kent Terrace and Roxburgh Street)
- **Edge Hill** (controlled access only)
- **Alpha Street** (controlled access only)
- **Blair Street** (controlled access only)
- **Allen Street** (controlled access only), on Monday 14 December 2009, from 11am to midnight

*For the **Neighbourhood Christmas Party** event:*

- **Brighton Street** (between Trent and Liffey Street), on Saturday 19 December 2009, from 3.30pm to 7.30pm

*subject to the conditions listed in the Proposed Temporary Road Closure Impact Reports.*

## **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.