
PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IMPACT REPORT:

RUGBY SEVENS STREET CLOSURE – 4 – 5 FEBRUARY 2012

1. Description of Event

Following discussions with the Police, the City Events Directorate of the Wellington City Council have, for reasons of public health and safety, proposed road closures for roads surrounding entertainment areas of the Courtenay Quarter on the final evening of the 2012 International Rugby Sevens Tournament.

It is therefore proposed to close **Courtenay Place** (Cambridge Terrace to Taranaki Street); **Blair Street** (limited resident access); **Allen Street** (limited resident access); **Tory Street** (Wakefield Street to Tennyson Street, including Holland Street and Forresters Lane – limited resident access); **Taranaki Street** (Wakefield Street to Ghuznee Street, including York Street, Lukes and Halleys Lane – limited resident access); **Inglewood Place** (all of, limited resident access to the parking building maintained); **Dixon Street** (Taranaki Street to Victoria Street, including Christenson Lane); **Manners Street** (Taranaki Street to Victoria Street); **Cuba Street** (Manners Street to Wakefield Street) from 5pm Saturday 4 February 2012 to 6am Sunday 5 February 2012.

The closures will enable safer pedestrian flows in around entertainment areas and bars on the Saturday evening of the Rugby Sevens Tournament. Pedestrian traffic only will be allowed within the closed areas. In addition extra toilet and rubbish facilities will be provided. Local bars will also be given permission to extend their licenced areas (fenced - similar to the Rugby World Cup Quarter Finals weekend). The liquor ban that covers public places in the CBD will stay in force though.

Local businesses and residents will receive a letter drop advising them of the event and the road closure. Road closure notification boards will be placed at each end of the closures at least a week before the event. The closure is also to be advertised in the Our Wellington Page of the Dominion Post in the week preceding the event and by media releases.

The event is to be traffic managed by a professional traffic management company and emergency services will have immediate access to the area if required. Public transport operators have been consulted with concerning the proposed closures and temporary bus stops and detour routes can be in place.

2. City Events Directorate Support

The International Rugby Sevens has become a significant fixture on the city's Events Calendar. Closing Courtenay Place and associated roads on the Saturday night will ease pedestrian traffic congestion and provide a safer environment in the area.

The proposed closure is supported by the Police and the City Events Directorate.

3. Proposal Notice and Consultation

The public notice that the Council was proposing to consider this closure was published in the following newspaper:

- Dominion Post Saturday 12 November 2011

The New Zealand Police and the Ministry of Transport have also been consulted with.

4. Objections

No objections were received in response to the proposal notice.

5. Traffic Impact Assessment

Prior Closures

None of the proposed closures for this event will result in a road being closed for an aggregate of more than 31 days in any year.

Traffic Impact

In the opinion of Soon Teck Kong, Manager Transport Network, acting as the Council's Traffic Engineer, the proposed closure, if implemented according to the plans provided, is likely to impede traffic flows on several major routes. The proposed conditions below will mitigate some of the expected traffic congestion during the road closures. The expected congestion during the road closures is part of facilitating a public event and ensuring safety for the general public. However, the Council reserves the right to modify this opinion at any time. If, in the opinion of the Council, the closure may or does impede traffic unreasonably, any approval granted by the Regulatory Processes Committee may be revoked and the event organiser may be required to open the road at the direction of a suitably qualified Council officer in charge of traffic.

Conditions:

- The event organiser is to publicly notify the event via letter drop, newspaper advertisement, advanced signage and media releases.

- The event organiser is to ensure that the emergency services (Police, Fire and Ambulance Services) have been consulted with and that the Traffic Management Plan includes all of their specific requirements.
- The event organiser is to ensure that the affected property owners and businesses along the road closure are consulted with.
- The event organiser is to provide marshals at all road closure ends to ensure that public safety (interaction of traffic and spectators) is not compromised and property access options are arranged for affected parties.
- Detour routes are to be provided and clearly signed during the road closure period and included in the approved Traffic Management Plan.
- The event organiser is to work with the public transport operators to provide alternative public transport routes and bus stops.
- The event organiser is to provide further details of the Traffic Management Plan to Council for approval prior to the event.

Signed: 

Soon Teck Kong
Manager Transport Network

ATTACHMENTS

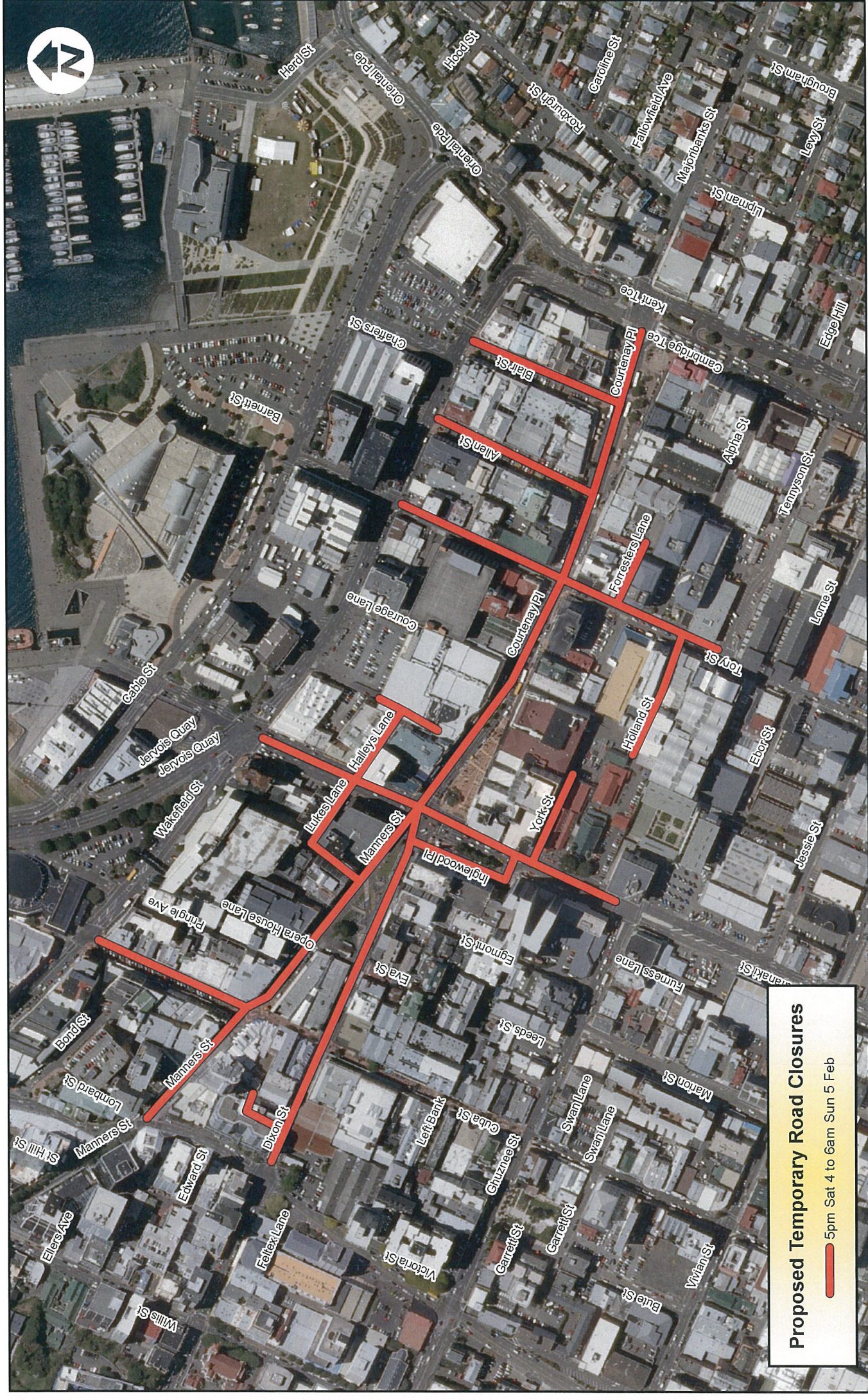
- Copy of proposal notice from the newspaper
- Map of proposed closure

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Proposed Temporary Road Closures

5pm Sat 4 to 6am Sun 5 Feb

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