# REGULATORY PROCESSES COMMITTEE

15 May 2013



**REPORT 1** (1215/53/IM)

#### PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES – JUNE 2013

# 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 an application from the event organiser for approval to hold their event involving temporary road closures. Details of the event and the expected impact on traffic are attached to this report as an appendix.

Armstrong Motor Group Wellington Marathon – Sunday June 23, 2013.

#### 3. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Regulatory Processes Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.
- 2. Agree to close the following roads for the above event to vehicles only, subject to the conditions listed in the Proposed Temporary Road Closure Impact Report:...
  - (a) For the Armstrong Motor Group Wellington Marathon event, Sunday 23 June 2013, from 8am to 11am:
    - (i) Shelly Bay Road (between Miramar Avenue and Massey Road)
    - (ii) Massey Road (between Shelly Bay Road and just north of Scorching Bay Reserve)

Note: the following roads will remain open but will be used for traffic safety measures such as lane closures, one-way systems, marshalled access and parking restrictions:

- o Waterloo Quay (from 6am to 10am),
- o Customhouse Quay (from 6am to 10am),
- o Jervois Quay (from 6am to 10am)
- o Cable Street (from 6am to 10am)
- o Oriental Parade(from 7am to 11am),
- Herd Street (from 7am to 11am),
- o Evans Bay Parade (from 7am to 11am).

3. 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.

# 4. Background

The Council receives numerous requests yearly for public roads to be closed for events (as detailed in the impact report attached). This request has been processed, and this report to the Committee has been prepared, in accordance with the procedures that was approved by the Committee on 15 December 2010.

#### 5. Discussion

## 5.1 Consultation and Engagement

Affected stakeholders were notified of the Councils intention to consider the proposed temporary road closures through an advertisement in the Dominion Post on Saturday April 13, 2013. 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 impact report.

An approved traffic management plan for the event will address, and show how any objections raised are to be managed.

#### 5.2 Financial considerations

The City Events Team has assessed the proposed event with regard to its contribution towards Council's strategies and policies. The proposed event supports the Council's strategy of being the "events capital" and will contribute to the economic success of the city.

#### 5.3 Traffic Impact Assessment

The Chief Transport Planner, acting as Council's Traffic Engineer, has assessed the proposed closures with regard to the 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 an approved traffic management plan, and in accordance with specific conditions set by the Traffic Engineer, should minimise the 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 an event 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.

Contact Officer: Maria Taumaa, Street Activities Coordinator

# 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) LTP/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.

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Appendix I



# PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - IMPACT REPORT

# ARMSTRONG MOTOR GROUP WELLINGTON MARATHON SUNDAY 23 JUNE 2013

# 1. Description of Event

Established in 1986, the Armstrong Motor Group Wellington Marathon (naming rights established two years ago) event is one of the largest community events during the winter months. Organised by the Wellington Marathon Clinic, approximately 5,000 runners and walkers entered the 2012 event – with the event experiencing in excess of 300% growth since 2003. The proposed event will follow a scenic out-and-back route commencing from Westpac Stadium along Waterloo and Jervois Quays, Cable Street, Oriental Parade, Evans Bay Parade, Cobham Drive, Shelly Bay and Massey Roads, returning via the outward route until Waitangi Park then along Wellington Waterfront areas.

This year's event is scheduled for Sunday 23 June 2013, with the first set of marathon walkers leaving Westpac Stadium at 6:30am, followed by the marathon itself at 7:30am, the half marathon at 9:00am, 10km run/walk at 9:15am and the children's Magic Mile at 9:25am.

Full road closures are therefore required on Sunday 23 June 2013 from 8:00am to 11:00am on the following roads;

- Shelly Bay Road (from Miramar Avenue to Massey Road)
- o Massey Road (from Shelly Bay Road to a point just north of Scorching Bay Road)

These closures are as a result of sections of the course being narrow and involving blind corners resulting in difficulties in safely managing traffic without a full closure.

Aside from the road closures listed above, the Wellington Marathon Clinic proposes to operate the same one way traffic system along Oriental and Evans Bay Parades that has operated for the last four years. This will mean that the entire seaward traffic lane along Oriental and Evans Bay Parades will be closed from Herd Street to Cobham Drive). Normal vehicular traffic will operate via a one way system along the landward side lane from the eastern suburbs to the city.

The closure of the single left-hand lane along the entire length of Cable Street operated well last year.

As noted in previous reports, the event can not be safely managed, in its starting phase on narrow areas of Waterfront land therefore it is proposed again to use the single left-hand lane from Waterloo Quay (just south of the Stadium over bridge to Oriental Parade, taking in Customhouse and Jervois Quays, along with Cable Street. These lane closures help accommodate runners until they reach Oriental Parade. The organisers are currently in consultation again with both the Harbour side Market, Te Papa and Wellington Waterfront to manage suitable safe access for market stallholders, market goers, businesses and public.

A full traffic management plan, (to be approved by a qualified Council Officer) will be required for the entire event, incorporating the single lane closures and associated parking restrictions Other traffic management procedures will be in place (as per previous years) on Cobham Drive (NZTA approval

required), Miramar Avenue, Karaka Bay Road, Marine Parade, Inglis Street, The Pass of Branda and Breaker Bay Road.

Public notification signs will be placed at strategic points along the course at least 10 days prior to the event to advertise the proposed one way system and closures. The event and proposed traffic management system is also to be advertised in Our Wellington Page of the Dominion Post in the week preceding the event.

The event is to be managed by qualified Traffic Management Company employing suitably qualified personnel. Emergency services will have immediate access to all areas if required.

# 2. Events (Business Development) Support

This annual sporting and community event is supported by the City Events Team.

## 3. Proposal Notice and Consultation

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

Dominion Post Saturday 13 April 2013

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 Steve Spence, Chief Transport Planner, acting as the Council's Traffic Engineer, the proposed closure, if implemented according to the plans provided, will 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 major 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 all affected property and business owners along the proposed route are consulted with.
- The event organiser is to provide marshals at all road closure points to ensure that public safety (interaction of traffic and spectators) is not compromised. This is essential where road closures transition from partial to full closures and vice versa.
- The event organiser is to work with the public transport operators to provide alternative public transport routes and bus stops along the proposed partial and full closures.
- The event organiser is to provide adequate detour routes to provide access for affected residents and businesses during the event.
- The event organiser is to provide further details of the Traffic Management Plan to Council for approval no later than two (2) weeks prior to the event.

Signed

Steve Spence \
Chief Transport Planner

#### 6. Attachments

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

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# 2013 Armstrong Motor Group Wellington Marathon Sunday 23 June 2013

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Address for correspondence: [Health Committee], Parliament Buildings, WELLINGTON 6160.



# PROPOSAL TO CLOSE ROADS

The Temporary Road Closures Sub-Committee will meet on 15 May to consider the following proposed temporary road closures for events.

# Armstrong Motor Group Wellington Marathon – 8–11am, Sunday 23 June

Shelley Bay Road – between Miramar Avenue and Massey Road.

Massey Road – between Shelley Bay Road and just north of Scorching Bay Reserve.

The following roads will remain open but will be used in various ways to manage pedestrians and traffic safety – including lane closures, one-way systems, marshalled access and parking restrictions.

6-10am: Waterloo Quay, Customhouse Quay, Jervois Quay and Cable Street 7-11am: Oriental Parade, Herd Street and Evans Bay Parade

Any person objecting to this proposed road closure must contact Wellington City Council in writing before 4pm Friday 19 April. Please send correspondence to Maria Taumaa at the mailing address below, by email to maria.taumaa@wcc.govt.nz or by fax to 801 3009.

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