
PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IMPACT REPORT:

THE WHITE RIBBON RACE - WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2009

1. Description of Event

The Wellington Living Free Without Violence Network (with support of the New Zealand Police and Wellington City Council City Safety Team) are organising a White Ribbon Day Race, as part of national events profiling White Ribbon Day. The United Nations has officially declared November 25th of each year to be "Elimination of Violence towards Women Day". This day has been celebrated in communities throughout New Zealand since 2000 and is gaining momentum with many Councils and organisations declaring themselves to be White Ribbon supportive. The goal is to use the event as an opportunity to engage a large number of men across a wide range of ages, industries and cultural backgrounds in the message of non violence for the education, awareness and the ongoing health and safety of our community.

The participants will assemble in the grounds of Victoria University Law Faculty (Old Government Buildings), Lambton Quay and it is proposed to run a series of races (runners joined together with white ribbons) from there to Civic Square. It is therefore proposed to close the following roads from 11.50am until 12.20pm: **Lambton Quay** (Bunny St to Panama St seaward side only and then both sides from Panama St to Willis St); **Willis Street** (Lambton Quay/Willeston St intersection to Manners St); **Mercer Street** (Willis St to Victoria St); **Victoria Street** (Harris St to Mercer St) to enable the race to be run in a safe manner. Activities are also planned at Civic Square following the race.

The race will have an impact on vehicle traffic in the wider area and especially on public transport for a period of approximately 30 minutes over the Friday lunchtime. The organisers, Council Officers and other stakeholders will work together to make sure that the impact of the race will be kept to a minimum. The event will be traffic managed by a professional traffic management company with the assistance of Police points-persons at key intersections. Pedestrian access will not be affected within the proposed closures. The organisers are planning a letter drop to affected properties and businesses along the proposed road closures and adjacent streets. Road closure notification boards will be placed in the streets affected at least one week prior to the event and the organisers will be required to advertise the road closures in the Our Wellington Page of the Dominion Post the Tuesday before the event.

2. City Events Support

This is event organised by local community groups and is supported by the City Safety, City Communities and City Events teams.

3. Proposal Notice

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

- Dominion Post, Saturday 19 September 2009

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

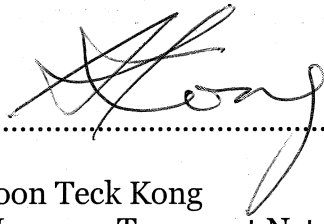
In the opinion of Soon Teck Kong, Manager Transport Network, acting as the Council's Traffic Engineer, the proposed closure, if implemented according to the plans provided, is not likely to impede traffic unreasonably subject to the conditions listed below. However, the Council reserves the right to 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 Temporary Road Closures Subcommittee 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, local 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.
- The intersection of Lambton Quay/Whitmore St/Bowen St is to remain operational at all times except during the start of each race where an intersection closure of two minutes is required to maintain safety for competitors across the intersection. There will be five races in total and five two-minute closure of the intersection.
- Detour routes and diversion are to be clearly signed during the road closure period.

- The event organiser is to work with the public transport operators to provide alternative public transport routes and bus stops.

Signed:



Soon Teck Kong
Manager, Transport Network

ATTACHMENTS

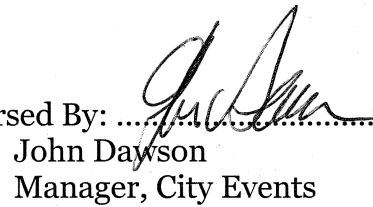
- Copy of proposal notice from newspaper
- Photographic map of the proposed closure

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