
REPORT 1
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PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE **IMPACT REPORT: - FILM WELLINGTON**

1. Description of Event

Film Wellington has requested approval to close off a small section of the CBD for the purpose of filming over one weekend:

- Maginnity Street between Ballance Street and Waring Taylor Street
- Ballance Street between Lambton Quay and Featherston Street
- Stout Street between Lambton Quay and Whitmore Street
- The above roads are proposed to be closed to vehicular traffic from 6:00am to 7:00pm on Saturday 21 July, Sunday 22 July and (if required) Saturday 28 July and Sunday 29 July 2007.

The film company, a production company from Australia, is one that has experience with filming in the Wellington CBD. They are proposing to film an advertisement.

Peter Tonks, a recognised and qualified Site Traffic Management Supervisor (STMS) has been engaged to develop a Temporary Traffic Management Plan and manage traffic impacts during the filming. The TMP is attached to this report and shows the area affected. It is proposed to close the road primarily for safety purposes.

A stop/go arrangement will be used to establish the traffic management controls and at the Lambton Quay / Ballance Street intersection for access. During the day, pedestrians will be able to utilise the footpath as normal, except during brief periods lasting a matter of a few minutes while filming takes place. Vehicles requiring access to buildings within the area affected (e.g. delivery vehicles) will be granted access by a traffic coordinator, who will shift cones to allow the vehicle to enter or exit the site.

The Location Manager has approached all of the organisations in the area affected by the closure and their concerns have been accommodated within the plans. Key organisations affected are Toyworld, Arbuckles and Defence.

2. City Events Support

Wellington City Council Events Team has no objection to the proposed street closures provided that all affected parties have been consulted and their concerns about access etc. are dealt with.

Support for the Film sector is compatible with the Council's long term outcome 3.5 – "Wellington will have a strong and growing economy"

There are no conflicts with other activities on the events calendar.

3. Proposal Notice

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

- Dominion Post, Saturday 7 July 2007.

4. Objections

No objections were received in response to the proposal notice as at the time of preparing this report. If any objections are received these will be raised at the Subcommittee meeting.

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 the 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 specified 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:

- Vehicles access into buildings is to be permitted at all times.
- Detour route is to be adequately signed for traffic originating from Lambton Quay to Thorndon Quay.

Signed: Soon Teck Kong
Title: Manager, Transport Network

ATTACHMENTS

- Temporary Traffic Management Plan
- Copy of proposal notice(s) from newspaper(s)

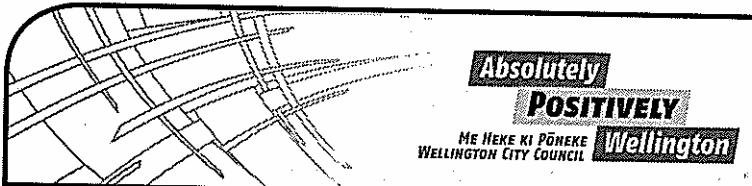
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Proposal to close roads

PURSUANT to the Local Government Act 1974 Schedule 10 Clause 11(e), notice is hereby given that the Wellington City Council, for the purpose of filming, proposes to close the following roads to ordinary traffic for the periods indicated:

- Maginnity Street between Balance Street and Waring Taylor Street.
- Ballance Street between Lambton Quay and Featherston Street.
- Stout Street between Lambton Quay and Whitmore Street.
- The above roads are proposed to be closed to vehicular traffic from 6.00am to 7.00pm on Saturday 21 July, Sunday 22 July and (if required) Saturday 28 July and Sunday 29 July 2007.

During the proposed periods of closure the following provision will be made for ordinary traffic which would otherwise use the roads:

- Pedestrian traffic will be able to continue to use these roads unless asked to stop for short durations while filming takes place.
- Vehicles requiring access to buildings within the closure area will be granted access by traffic co-ordinators.

Any person objecting to this proposal is to contact the Council before 11 July 2007.

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