
REPORT 1
(1215/52/06/IM)

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES – FEBRUARY 2008 TO MARCH 2008

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.

- **2008 Men's Trust House Tour of Wellington – Sunday 3 February 2008 (Appendix 1)**
 - Stage 6 Massey Road (Scorching Bay Surf Club to Shelly Bay Wharf)
Shelly Bay Road (Shelly Bay Wharf to Miramar Wharf.)
 - Stage 7 Lambton Quay (Bowen Street to Willis Street)
Waring Taylor Street between Lambton Quay and Featherston Street
Johnston Street between Lambton Quay and Featherston Street
Brandon Street between Lambton Quay and Featherston Street
Section of Stout Street and Ballance Street
- **Wellington(Vector) Round Bays Fun Run – Sunday 17 February 2008 (Appendix 2)**
Cable Street, Oriental Parade, Evans Bay Parade.
- **Newtown Fair – Sunday 2 March 2008 (Appendix 3)**
Riddiford Street (Mein Street/Hall Street intersection to between Normanby Street and Donald McClean Street).
Rintoul Street (Riddiford Street to Colombo Street).
Emmett Street
Green Street
Sections of Wilson Street, Normanby Street, Newtown Avenue, Constable Street, Wilson Street.

As indicated in the impact report, Council officer recommendations are that the closure of the additional sections of Rintoul Street and Riddiford Street between Rintoul Street and the Mein Street / Hall Street intersection should not be approved as these closures would have an unreasonable effect on vehicular traffic.

Council officers recommend that a road closure encompassing all of the above streets but excluding additional sections of Rintoul Street and Riddiford Street between Rintoul Street and the Mein Street / Hall Street intersection be approved. This will provide an events area similar to that provided last year, but which would need to be supplemented with other safety improvements to address the safety issues raised last year. The Council will work with the event organiser to achieve such safety improvements without the need to remove another public street and associated negative impact on traffic and public transport.

- Triathlon NZ National Series – Sunday 9 March 2008 (Appendix 4)
Oriental Parade (Herd Street to Evans Bay Parade)
Evans Bay Parade (Oriental Parade to north of Greta Point)
Carlton Gore Road (Oriental Parade to the intersection with Lindum Terrace).

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Subcommittee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the proposed closures, subject to the conditions listed in the Proposed Temporary Road Closure Impact Reports and this report.*

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. 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 each of 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.

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 C365 Street 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, Phillips Fox.

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.

Appendix 1 – 2008 Trust House Tour of Wellington

Appendix 2 – Wellington (Vector) Round the Bays Fun Run

Appendix 3 – Newtown Fair

Appendix 4 – Triathlon New Zealand National Series