
REPORT 1
(1215/52/06/IM)

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES – 1 MARCH TO 9 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.

1. Women's International Tour of Wellington- Cycle Race

- Closures Stage 5 (Miramar circuit) - Saturday 1 March 2008 - 8.00am to 2.00pm (**Appendix 1**)

Roads Closed

Shelly Bay Road and Massey Road (from Miramar cutting to Karaka Bay Road)

Karaka Bay Road (from Massey Road to Awa Road)

Awa Road (between Karaka Bay Road and Para Street)

Para Street (between Rex Street and Rotherham Terrace)

Rex Street (Tauhinu Road to Para Street)

Tauhinu Road (between Rex Street and Miramar Avenue)

Miramar Avenue between Tauhinu Road and Cobham Drive (one way with detour in other direction)

Stop/Go control will be in place at a number of the critical cross road intersections to enable traffic and buses to enter and exit through the closure. Intersections and sections of Roads controlled this way will be Park Road/Rex Street; Double Stop Go control will be in place at the Darlington Road, Awa Road, Rex Street, Para Street sections. Stop go will be in place on the Nevay Road, Awa Road, and Seatoun Heights Road intersections.

- Stage 7 – (Criterion) Sunday 2 March 12 noon to 5.30pm.
Road Closures
Lambton Quay (from Willis Street to Bowen/Whitmore Street intersection).
Ballance street (between Lambton Quay and Stout Street).
Stout Street (between Ballance Street and Lambton Quay).
The Wellington Women’s Criterion will be held in the city on the same course as used successfully for the men’s tour.

2. Wellington Car Club (Inc) Alexandra Road Hill Climb 9 March 2008 - 7.30am to 6.00pm (Appendix 2)

Road Closure

Alexandra Road - closure points at Constable Street, Upoko Road and Lookout Road.

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.*

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 – Women’s International Tour of Wellington – Cycle Race

- **Stage 5 (Miramar Circuit) – Saturday 1 March 2008**
- **Stage 7 (Criterion) – Sunday 2 March 2008**

**APPENDIX 2 – Wellington Car Club (Inc)
Alexandra Road Hill Climb Sunday 9 March
20088, 7.30am – 6.00pm**