

Notice of Meeting:

I hereby give notice that an ordinary Meeting of the Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel will be held on:

Date: Thursday 29 February 2024
Time: 2.00pm
Meeting Room: Council Chamber
Venue: Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton

Lance Vervoort
Chief Executive

**Extraordinary Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure
Hearings Panel**
Te Pae mo ngaa take Huarahi
OPEN AGENDA

Membership

Chairperson Cr Mark Donovan
Heamana

Members Deputy Mayor Angela O'Leary
Cr Anna Casey-Cox
Cr Ewan Wilson
Cr Geoff Taylor
Cr Louise Hutt
Cr Maxine van Oosten

Quorum: Three members

Meeting Frequency: As required

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Purpose

1. To conduct fair and effective hearings and make determinations on objections relating to the Traffic Bylaw, Speed Limit Bylaw, and proposals for temporary closure of any road.

The Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel is delegated the following Terms of Reference and powers:

Terms of Reference:

2. To consider and determine traffic and speed limit related matters, including those detailed in the Traffic Bylaw and Speed Management Plan, including hearing any submissions relating to those proposed changes.
3. To hear and determine statutory or regulatory hearings and make determinations on objections relating to proposals for the temporary closure of any road.

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1 Apologies – *Tono aroha*

2 Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

The Committee to confirm the agenda.

3 Declaration of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipaaanga*

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

Council Report

Item 4

Committee: Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel

Date: 29 February 2024

Author: Robyn Denton

Authoriser: Andrew Parsons

Position: Network and Systems Operations Manager

Position: General Manager Infrastructure and Assets

Report Name: Temporary road closures for Super Rugby Moana Pasifika v Rebels on 8 March 2024

Report Status	Open
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Purpose – Take

1. To seek approval from the Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel for temporary road closures associated with the Super Rugby Moana Pasifika v Rebels match on 8 March 2024 at FMG Stadium, Hamilton.

Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

2. That the Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel:
 - a) receives this report;
 - b) approves the closure of the following roads to accommodate the Super Rugby Moana Pasifika v Rebels match on 8 March 2024:
 - i. Tristram Street (between Mill Street and Abbotsford Street) between 4pm and 11pm,
 - ii. Tristram Street (between Mill Street and Liverpool Street) between 6pm and 11pm,
 - iii. Abbotsford Street (between Tristram Street and Willoughby Street) between 4 pm and 11pm,
 - iv. Seddon Rd (from Goldsmith Street to Mill Street) between 6pm and 11pm,
 - v. Mill St (from Norton Road to Willoughby Street) between 6pm and 11pm
 - c) approves the issue of a Notice of Decision stating Council's decision to close the following roads to accommodate the Super Rugby Pacifica Moana Pacifica v Rebels match on 8 March 2024 at FMG Stadium, Hamilton:
 - i. Tristram Street (between Mill Street and Abbotsford Street) between 4pm and 11pm,
 - ii. Tristram Street (between Mill Street and Liverpool Street) between 6pm and 11pm,
 - iii. Abbotsford Street (between Tristram Street and Willoughby Street) between 4 pm and 11pm,
 - iv. Seddon Rd (from Goldsmith Street to Mill Street) between 6pm and 11pm,
 - v. Mill St (from Norton Road to Willoughby Street) between 6pm and 11pm

- d) approves the temporary closure of the following roads for the purpose of Moana Pacifica 'home games' in the 2024 Super Rugby season where the 42 working day notice is not possible in accordance with Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closures) Regulations 1965:
 - i. Tristram Street (between Mill Street and Abbotsford Street),
 - ii. Tristram Street (between Mill Street and Liverpool Street),
 - iii. Abbotsford Street (between Tristram Street and Willoughby Street),
 - iv. Seddon Rd (from Goldsmith Street to Mill Street),
 - v. Mill St (from Norton Road to Willoughby Street)
- e) notes that for the temporary road closures as outlined in d) above the details of the specific event and closure times will be notified in a public Notice of Decision at least 24 hours before the event following consultation with NZ Police and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency; and
- f) notes that the temporary road closures as outlined in d) above will be for a period or periods not exceeding in the aggregate 31 days within 2021.

Executive Summary – *Whakaraapopototanga matua*

3. The Moana Pacifica team have not yet managed to lock in a home ground for their matches in NZ and FMG Stadium have only recently been asked if we can assist by hosting a game on 8 March 2024 at 7.05pm.
4. The application for the match was not able to be submitted within the 42 working day timeframe required for processing under the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closures) Regulations 1965, so Council approval under the Local Government Act 1974 is being sought.
5. The Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel (Traffic Panel) has the delegation to consider and approve these applications.
6. It is possible that further requests for hosting Moana Pacifica 'home games' may be received by FMG Stadium in coming months and these are likely to be at short notice and therefore be unable to meet the 42 day notice requirements. Approval is therefore being sought from the Traffic Panel to approve any subsequent late road closure requests for Moana Pacifica 'home games' in the 2024 season.
7. Similar closures of these streets have been undertaken in the past. Consultation with adjacent property owners has been undertaken, along with NZ Police and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi).
8. Staff consider the decision in this report has low significance and that the recommendations comply with the Council's legal requirements.

Discussion – *Matapaki*

9. Hamilton City has many events held each year and often there are temporary road closures associated with the events which are put into place to ensure the safety of the event participants and the public.
10. Applications for temporary road closures associated with events are normally processed under the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closures) Regulations 1965 which requires 42 working days public notice.
11. Occasionally there are situations where the 42 days public notice was not achieved. In these situations, approval of a temporary road closure for an event can be granted under the Local Government Act 1974 No 66, Schedule 10, Clause 11(e) (LGA 1974).

12. The Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearings Panel has the delegation to consider and approve these temporary road closures.
13. The LGA 1974 process requires public notices be issued prior to the Traffic Panel meeting to notify the Intention to Consider the temporary road closures and then again following the Traffic Panel meeting in a Notice of Decision.
14. The Moana Pacifica team have not yet managed to lock in a home ground for their matches in NZ and FMG Stadium have only recently been asked if they can assist by hosting a game on 8 March 2024 at 7.05pm. Further details on the match can be found [here](#).
15. There is a possibility that FMG Stadium may be asked to host additional 'home games' for Moana Pacifica at short notice this season. Staff are therefore seeking a generic approval from the Traffic Panel to accommodate any further Moana Pacifica 'home' matches that may be requested in 2024.
16. The approval would be issued under Local Government Act 1974, Schedule 10, Clause 11 (e) for a period or periods not exceeding in the aggregate 31 days within 2021. A public Notice of Intent will be issued following the approval of this recommendation.
17. A Notice of Decision will be issued with the details of the specific event and closure times on a case by case basis for any additional Moana Pacifica 'home' events in 2024 that are unable to meet the 42 working day notice.
18. Consultation with NZ Police and Waka Kotahi has been completed regarding the generic approval and they are happy to support this approach.
19. To allow for installation and pack-down of the temporary traffic management and allowing reducing the impact on traffic flows on Mill Street it is proposed to have a staggered closure times for the streets immediately adjacent to the FMG Stadium then Mill Street and Seddon Road.
20. Road closures are therefore proposed between 4pm and 11pm for the following roads:
 - i. Tristram Street (between Mill Street to Abbotsford Street),
 - ii. Abbotsford Street (between Tristram Street and Willoughby Street)
 and between 6pm and 11pm for the remaining roads:
 - i. Tristram Street (between Mill Street to Liverpool Street),
 - ii. Seddon Rd (from Goldsmith Street to Mill Street)
 - iii. Mill St (from Norton Road to Willoughby Street)



Figure 1: Proposed maximum extent of road closures (shown in red)

22. Consultation with residents and property owners along with NZ Police and the Waka Kotahi has been completed. There are no objections to the proposed closure.

23. All costs associated with the two public notices required by the Local Government Act and temporary traffic management are met by the applicant.

24. Staff confirm that proposed approval complies with the Council's legal and policy requirements and those of the Local Government Act 1974.

25. Staff have assessed this option against the Climate Change Policy for both emissions and climate change adaptation.
26. Staff have also considered the key considerations under the Climate Change Policy and have determined that an adaptation assessment and emissions assessment is not required for the matters in this report.

27. The purpose of Local Government changed on the 14 May 2019 to include promotion of the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future ('the 4 wellbeings').

28. The subject matter of this report has been evaluated in terms of the 4 wellbeings during the process of developing this report as outlined below.
29. The recommendations set out in this report are consistent with that purpose.

Social

30. The recommendations included in this report helps the community achieve their goals by ensuring their safety and ability to access the key sporting facility (FMG Stadium).

Economic

31. The recommendations included in this report enables FMG Stadium to operate efficiently by ensuring safe access to their property.

Environmental

32. No specific environmental considerations were identified in the development of this report.

Cultural

33. No specific cultural considerations were identified in the development of this report.

Risks - *Tuuraru*

34. There are safety and accessibility risks associated with not approving the recommendations in this report.

Significance & Engagement Policy – *Kaupapa here whakahire/anganui*

Significance

35. Staff considered the following factors under the Significance and Engagement Policy - The form of engagement used in the past for similar proposals and decisions.
36. Based on these factors, staff have assessed that the matters in this report have low significance.

Engagement

37. In accordance with the Local Government Act provisions, public notification was given of the intention to consider the temporary road closures application at this meeting.
38. Staff have undertaken consultation with the NZ Police and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and they are supportive of the temporary road closure for the events.
39. In addition, the applicant has undertaken consultation with all properties in the section of road closures.
40. If the closures are approved by this committee, a public notice of the decision to temporarily close the road will be issued.

Attachments – *Ngaa taapirihanga*

There are no attachments for this report.