

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - PAEKAKARIKI HILL ROAD AND MOONSHINE ROAD FOR DUNLOP TARGA NZ EVENT

PURPOSE

This report recommends a temporary road closure of Paekakariki Hill Road, Moonshine Hill Road and Moonshine Road to host the Targa Rally event on 28 October 2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Delivery Committee:

1. Receive the report.
2. Agree to recommend that the Council, pursuant to Section 342 and the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974 and 2002, resolve to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads mentioned below on 28 October 2017, subject to Club Targa Incorporated providing written agreement to the conditions (a-o) below:

Moonshine Road:

Date of closure: Saturday 28 October 2017
Time of closure: 2.25pm – 6.55pm

Moonshine Road, from its intersection with Moonshine Hill Road, to finish at house number 1230, including the intersection with Ahoroa Road (No Exit).

Paekakariki Hill Road:

Date of Closure: Saturday 28 October 2017
Time of Closure: 3.20pm – 7.50pm

Paekakariki Hill Road, at the northern city boundary and finishing at Pauatahanui Golf Club, house number 326 Paekakariki Hill Road.

That Club Targa Incorporated confirm in writing the following:

- a) That Club Targa Incorporated informs all emergency services of the proposed event at least four weeks prior to the event. If during the event emergency vehicles require the use of the closed portion of the road, it will stop the event and provide unobstructed passage for such emergency vehicles that require passage.

- b) That signs complying with Council's requirements advising of the road closure be stationed, where Council requires them, at Club Targa Incorporated 's expense four weeks before the event.
- c) That Club Targa Incorporated has a traffic management plan in respect of the event approved by the Porirua City Council four weeks prior to the event.
- d) That Club Targa Incorporated indemnifies the Council in respect of any costs, expenses, obligations, liabilities, prosecutions and claims incurred as a result of the event taking place or not taking place.

By way of clarification this indemnity covers any claims against Porirua City Council based on the event being cancelled without notice due to the unavailability of the roads and or bridges or if roads are required to be kept open for a National election.

- e) That Club Targa Incorporated acknowledges that Porirua City Council will not be liable if the rally must be cancelled without notice because the specified roads and or bridges cannot be used for the event on the specified day.
- f) That Club Targa Incorporated will ensure there are sufficient trained marshals on duty before, during and after the rally to direct traffic and to prevent access to private property.
- g) That Club Targa Incorporated will arrange to have personnel in attendance who have a current first aid certificate from an accredited provider.
- h) That Club Targa Incorporated will pay all costs for Porirua City Council's staff involvement for processing road closures for this event. The Council fees for this event is \$95/hr. Processing, site inspections and general preparations are normally in the range of 15 – 20 hours.
- i) That Club Targa Incorporated provides Porirua City Council with evidence, four weeks prior to the event, that it will have public liability insurance to the value of \$10.0 million at the time of the event.
- j) That publicity of the proposed road closure is carried out prior to the event by Porirua City Council at Club Targa Incorporated's cost.
- k) That if any damage is caused to the roads, bridges and or adjacent property by the rally, that Club Targa Incorporated will repair all damages. In the event of roads and or bridges being damaged, repairs will be completed in compliance with the relevant Code of Practice.
- l) That toilets are provided at each marshalling area of the event.
- m) That litter bins are provided and all rubbish, signs etc. be removed following the event.
- n) That provisions for fence repairs are such that they will be carried out immediately after the road closure has finished. This means they must be started by Sunday 29th October 2017. The written confirmation shall include evidence of these arrangements to the satisfaction of Porirua City Council staff.

- o) That Club Targa Incorporated will undertake a second direct notification of the event to residents on Moonshine Road and Paekakariki Hill to inform them that:
- There is an 0800 telephone number that the Targa Organiser can be contacted on in an emergency during the event;
 - Once the road is closed, spectators will not be allowed in from the start and finishes of the Stages; and
 - If residents are going to be away and do not expect any spectators on their properties that they notify the Targa Organiser. The Targa Organiser will take measures to prevent trespassing on the resident's property.

BACKGROUND

1. A request has been received from Club Targa Incorporated seeking approval to hold the Dunlop Targa New Zealand Event on Saturday 28th October 2017. To meet the required deadlines for notification of road closures Council will need to make a decision in its August meeting on the matter of whether to permit the necessary road closures.
2. The Targa New Zealand Motoring Event takes the form of a timed trial event, with cars leaving at 30 seconds and one minute intervals with the slowest cars leaving first.

DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

Temporary Road Closure

3. The Club Targa has requested the following closures to enable the event to run:

Moonshine Road:

Date of closure: Saturday 28 October 2017
Time of closure: 2.25pm – 6.55pm

Moonshine Road, from its intersection with Moonshine Hill Road, to finish at house number 1230, including the intersection with Ahoroa Road (No Exit).

Club Targa has also made a request to Upper Hutt City Council for the Moonshine Hill Road section, starting from its intersection with Kirton Drive to finish at its intersection with Moonshine Road.

Paekakariki Hill Road:

Date of Closure: Saturday 28 October 2017
Time of Closure: 3.20pm – 7.50pm

Paekakariki Hill Road falls inside the Kapiti Coast District. Both Councils will need to approve similar road closures. Confirmation of this will be sought before the Committee meeting.

Event Conditions

4. The event organisers have stated that the following measures will be taken prior to and throughout the event:

- 4.1 Officials from the Dunlop Targa event will visit affected residents to advise them of this application and seek their consent. Residents will be reminded of the closure again during the weeks before the event by a letter drop providing their emergency 0800 number.
- 4.2 The Organisers have a medical facility available at the start of each road closure and can stop the stage if necessary.
- 4.3 The Organisers will repair any property damage that may occur.
- 4.4 All transport operators, dairy companies, rural delivery, schools, bus operators, utilities, schools, bus operators and associated organisations will be advised in writing of the road closure. This will also include the Police, Ambulance and, NZ Fire Service.
- 4.5 Road closure signage will be erected on the proposed roads 21 days prior to the event to warn users of the impending closure.
- 4.6 Dunlop Targa NZ is prepared to deal with objections and will advise of the outcome.
- 4.7 The Targa New Zealand Motoring Event takes the form of a timed trial event with cars leaving at 30 seconds and one minute intervals with the slowest cars leaving first. They are timed from start to finish. The closed roads are under the control of experienced officials at the start and finish venues. All side roads will be taped and marshalled and all driveways taped to avoid any non-Targa vehicles straying from the route. Only Tarmac roads are used and all competing vehicles are legally entitled to drive on public roads.
- 4.8 The following measures are taken to ensure the safety of the event:
 - All area Emergency services and their communication centres are informed of the Event;
 - There will be full radio communications between start and finish points, medics, police and the Targa event headquarters;
 - Motorsport New Zealand has taken out Public Liability Insurance cover of \$10,000,000.00 to cover any damages;
 - An ambulance officer and/or MIV type vehicle will be located at the start of each "stage" on the closed road, along with a additional MIV vehicles in a roaming capacity;
 - All closed roads will be cleared for safety purposes by official vehicles equipped with flashing lights and/or a siren before the "stage" can commence; and
 - Closed roads re-open behind the official stage Safety Clearance Vehicle "SWEEP" that immediately follows the last competing vehicle.

Wider Implications

5. The event is being organised by Club Targa Incorporation. Council's only involvement with this event would be its agreement to road closures to allow the two stages on the Porirua City network to be run.
6. Residents and businesses will be unable to enter or leave their properties over the course of the event.

7. The Targa organisers have confirmed the services of Pauatahanui School and the Moonshine Residents' Association to carry out marshal duties for the event. These groups will work closely with the Marshal Coordinators to ensure that Targa will have the right number of stage marshals and that the marshals are educated as to what the role entails. For their efforts these groups will receive donations.
8. In some past years this event has been very disruptive to the Porirua City community particularly for those living in the rural areas. The disruption is in the form of lost access on Saturday to and from their properties, damage to the properties by competitors (that has taken an excessive time to be repaired), and risks relating to trespassing on their properties. However, there has been a marked improvement in attending to any problems in the last two events (2009 and 2010).
9. The Targa organisers have advised that they will pay the cost of advertising for the closure of the road up to the value of \$500. Beyond this amount they wish to give specific approval.

Council Legal Liability

10. The Club Targa Incorporated are the organisers for this event and it is not part of the Council's events programme. As such, Club Targa Incorporated hold responsibility for the management of the road closure.

Previous Events

11. The previous times that Club Targa Incorporated has run this event in the City there have been the issues with their running of the event but these have been dealt with.
12. Last year the Council received only 2 complaints by residents/ businesses in the affected areas after last year's event.

CONCLUSION

13. The Targa Rally is a well-known National event. Running it again in the Wellington region will provide national exposure and local benefits to some of the communities in the region.
14. Council's only involvement with this event would be its agreement to road closures to allow the two stages on the Porirua City network to be run.
15. The road closure will cause significant disruption to rural residents/businesses in the affected areas. In the past there have been some issues with residents/ businesses in the affected areas, however, in the last 2 years of running the event in Porirua there has been a significant reduction in the number of issues.
16. Not agreeing to the closures would potentially be seen to detract from the event and would be of concern to those Councils in the Wellington region that see this as an important event in their calendar. Motorsport still has a large following. Based on past behaviours the supporters are unlikely to have commented to the Council in regard to the notice.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

CONTRIBUTION TO COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The issues in this report contribute to the strategic priorities of:

- A growing, prosperous and regionally connected city; and
- A great village and city experience.”

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

COST

This would be defined as – the size of the ‘up-front’ operational or capital transaction that results from the recommended option, or if there is no preferred option, then from every option.

For example:

- If we build the new walkway it will cost \$100,000
- If we award the new reservoir to Hawkins Construction it will cost \$5,000,000 phased over a 2 year period.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If the work has been budgeted for (i.e all capital and opex impacts are already in the LTP/AP) then say something like ‘This is a budgeted cost in the Long-term Plan. All financial implications have been consulted and approved’.

The critical implications are:

Ongoing cost

What are the operational and maintenance implications including insurance, depreciation, interest if loan funded.

Funding source

Where are you proposing to get the money from?

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Road Closures for events are covered under Section 342 and the Tenth schedule, of the Local Government Acts 1974 and 2002. Paragraph 11(e) of the tenth schedule specifically covers road closures for a race or other sporting event.

TREATY CONSIDERATIONS

There are no Treaty implications identified in relation to the issues in this report.

SIGNIFICANCE

The issues in this report do not impact on Council’s significance policy.

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ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Targa Organisers has carried out initial door knocking consultations with all affected residents. They sought signatures from all residents acknowledging the visit and, if possible, in support of the event. In some cases where gates are locked and residents are not at home, letters were left outlining the proposed closure and containing a contact number.

The proposed closure has been advertised in the Kapi Mana newspaper for consideration in accordance with the tenth schedule paragraph 11A of the Local Government Act 1974, with feedback closing on 7 August 2017.

A summary of the feedback (at 7-8-17) from the consultation is shown below. There were 8 responses with four responses in favour of the event, and four against.

TARGA Rally 2017 - Summary of feedback to consultation

Paekakariki Hill Road

Date	Name	Address	For	Against	Summary of Comments
12-Jul-17	C Ross	Paekakariki Hill Rd	X		Totally supported from our family.
14-Jul-17	J Wickens	Paekakariki Hill Rd		X	Unable to use our road, noise Encourages boy racers
18-Jul-17	L Cox	Pauatahanui Golf Club	X		Will access be open to the Golf Club? It's great that this has come back to the area.

Moonshine Road

Date	Name	Address	For	Against	Summary of Comments
14-Jul-17	N Koci	Moonshine		X	Road is closed often, residents are tired of road closures.
18-Jul-17	R&T Segal	575 Moonshine Hill Road		X	Too much disruption to traffic this year, vehicles sliding may damage road.
24-Jul-17	J Watson	Moonshine	X		A positive initiative, great opportunity for Porirua City exposure and opportunity for locals to fundraise
28-Jul-17	N Vetch	Moonshine	X		Myself and a number of locals are excited that the Rally is coming to Moonshine.
1-Aug-17	R Foley	Moonshine		X	Disadvantage run holders who can't access properties. Damage to road surface from last rally has not been repaired. Increased need for maintenance.

A release to the media will be issued closer to the time.

Kapiti Coast District Council has indicated their support for closure of their part of Paekakariki Hill Road and Upper Hutt City has indicated their support for closure of Moonshine Hill Road in Upper Hutt City but have not reached a formal decision yet.