

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chair and Members, Engineering Services Committee

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REFERENCE: R860

SUBJECT: **Changes to Traffic Management Activities – RESC-10-11-07**
Report prepared for meeting of 11 November 2010

1 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to gain the Engineering Services Committee's approval to amend the way Traffic Management is dealt with by Tasman District Council. There are three issues where adoption of the recommendation would update the way we carry out the activities:

- Temporary Traffic Management for local roads
- Work on roads around Christmas time
- Work on roads during the Rugby World Cup.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Temporary Traffic Management for local roads

To date Council has used the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) standards "*COPTTM*" (*Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management*) for Temporary Traffic Management in the District. This standard is mainly aimed at roads with very high traffic counts so a supplement to this standard was developed to better suit low volume roads and particularly rural roads. The standard is called "*Temporary Traffic Management for Local Roads - Supplement to NZTA COPTTM.*"

2.2 This supplement sets out requirements that are more realistic to the Tasman District Council roading network. In adopting it as a standard for Tasman District costs of compliance will reduce.

3 SITUATION

3.1 Work on roads during the Christmas/New Year holiday season

Traditionally contractors have been advised not to work on network roads during the holiday season (this year's dates are 17 December to 17 January). This has been an historic practice and came about as NZTA ceased construction on highways during this period and councils have followed suit. There is no reason for this "stop work" to be set for Tasman District roads except for within the 17 settlement areas where Christmas shoppers/tourists congregate. There may be some contracts that will close for particular reasons, for example the firefighting reticulation project in Takaka.

- 3.2 By allowing contractors to work during this period Council has a larger workforce available on these days and in time should get better contract prices as contractors will have less down-time.
- 3.3 Work on roads during the Rugby World Cup**
There have been moves to suspend construction on network roads during the Rugby World Cup, however there will be little or no effect with our network except may be for CDB Areas.
- 3.4 It should be noted that state highway work will cease during the Rugby World Cup.
- 3.5 By allowing our contractors to continue their normal work maintaining our network over this period it will help in achieving a balanced workload throughout the year.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 THAT the current New Zealand Transport Agency COPTTM (Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management and the 'The Temporary Traffic Management for Local Roads' be adopted by Tasman District Council as outlined in this report RESC-10-11-07.**
- 4.2 THAT Tasman District Council permits its road maintenance contractors to work on the Tasman roading network at any time except on any Public holiday as outlined in this report RESC-10-11-07.**
- 4.3 THAT Tasman District Council permits its road maintenance contractors to work on Council's roading network during the period of the Rugby World Cup event in New Zealand as outlined in this report RESC-10-11-07.**
- 4.4 THAT Tasman District Council approves that generally only urgent repairs and maintenance is permitted in the commercial and retail areas from one week before Christmas through to two weeks after New Year's Day unless dispensation has been given from the Engineering Manager as noted in this report RESC-10-11-07.**

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