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Traffic Management Update for Temporary Traffic Management Providers within Christchurch City.

Good afternoon,

Recently there have been concerns raised by the industry regarding perceived inconsistencies and lack of transparency in decisions made and actions taken by Christchurch City Council Traffic Management Coordinators.

As a result we are now taking steps to clarify our position and reduce the chances of this happening in future. The way in which we can best address the issues is to further align ourselves with the CoPTTM and the steps we are taking to achieve this are outlined below:

- We will no longer extend a TMP once it has gone past its end date. Going past the end date of a TMP will require a new TMP to be submitted. Ensure that if you need an extension, you apply before the end date of the TMP.
- The duration applied for the job needs to be relevant to the time it will take to actually carry out the work. Contingency days are acceptable but need to be realistic as there has been a dramatic increase in activities and the need for use of road space by many different contractors working on projects since the earthquakes. Please be aware that TMP's may be revoked if a project of significance with critical paths and targets needs the road space.
- All TMPs submitted that do not allow 5 days for processing will be rejected immediately if they are not deemed to be an emergency task affecting public safety or health.
- Applications for any variations from CoPTTM will need to be submitted in written form and discussed within the Transport Safety Team. Be aware that this will take extra time to enable the Team to fully consider the plan. For any application to be considered, it must be fully documented, demonstrate that the proposed TMP is safe and appropriate to the site, and be accompanied by written assurance that the proposal is compliant with the Contractor's own Health and Safety Policy.

Changes outlined above are effective immediately.

We will continue to work with the industry to provide a consistent and transparent process. We do our best to help the industry meet its Traffic Management obligations and we are always available to discuss your issues and welcome your input to improve our services.

On behalf of the Traffic Management Coordinators

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