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Temporary Traffic Management Changes for 1 July

Currently Christchurch City Council (CCC) manages Traffic Management within the Christchurch City Council boundaries with the exception of works on the State Highways where the Traffic Management is managed by NZ Transport Agency (NZTA).

Some changes have been signalled from NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) as a result of ongoing consultation with the industry. One of these considered changes in the inclusion of aspects of the Local Roads Supplement into the Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management (COPTTM).

Christchurch City Council seeks to maintain consistency of traffic management across the network and, as it aligns with COPTTM, traffic management in Christchurch will more closely align with NZ Transport Agency works giving clarity to contractors working in the Christchurch area.

Christchurch City Council has indicated to industry that they will be making some changes as of 1st July 2011, to better align CCC with COPTTM.

Due to the earthquake, the full implications of proposed changes have not yet been assessed. The following changes being notified to the industry are those with assessed manageable implications.

Amendment to Level of Roads

- **CCC proposes to replace City classification level with Level 2 as in COPTTM within CCC network boundaries as of 1 July 2011.**
- *NOTE: CCC's TMCs have the ability to approve a lower or higher level requirement than stated in COPTTM if it is deemed appropriate for the situation on a case by case basis. Variance to COPTTM will be approved on a site by site basis if it is demonstrated in the Traffic Management Plan to be appropriate.*

Peak Hours

Change in peak hours:

- Updated: 7.00am to 9.00am Monday to Friday.
- No change: 4.00pm to 6.00pm Monday to Thursday
- Updated: 3.30pm to 6.00pm Friday
- Additional: Any day prior to a long weekend reverts to Friday timing.
- Shoulder closures allowed at any time (right of refusal operating)

Generic Plans

- **Application to update generic plans should be made to the TMCs as they reach the roll-over date. Generic plans will be considered as per COPTTM:**
 - Generic plans are issued for works that are repetitive, short-term and able to be removed immediately.
 - Generics plans are issued for a time period, specified by the RCA, with a maximum time period of 12 months.
 - Generics plans have a list of Conditions of Use which must be adhered to or the approval to use the generic will be revoked.
 - Generic plans are only approved for use on LV, LVL1 And Level 1 roads, although on a case by case basis, generics may be approved for Level 2 roads.
 - Generic plans can only be used by the company approved to use it and the onsite TC or STMS nominated on the approved list.

Local Road Supplement

- **CCC is awaiting the NZTA decision on the inclusion of the LRS into COPTTM. Until that time the status quo prevails:**
 - Use of the Local Road Supplement must have approval.
 - Use of the Local Road Supplement will not automatically be approval by the RCA.
 - Use of the Local Road Supplement is for low volume roads only.

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