

ROAD CLOSURE SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2011

AT 1PM

GROUND FLOOR MEETING NO 1, CIVIC OFFICES, 53 HEREFORD STREET

Members: Clare Sullivan (Council Secretary)
Steffan Thomas (Traffic Operations Team Leader)
Jenny Hughey (Board Adviser, Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board)

In attendance: Simon Hodges (Traffic Management Coordinator)

1. PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

Consider applications for the temporary closures of the following:

1.1 Santa Parade 2011 – Sunday 6 December 2011

Between 1pm and 5.30pm

Riccarton Road – from 50 metres West of Warenaui Road Intersection to Deans Avenue

Between 10am and 3.30pm

Warenaui Road – from Blenheim Road to Riccarton Road

1.1 SANTA PARADE RICcarton ROAD 2011 HEARING

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment, DDI 941-8608
Officer responsible:	Road Corridor Operations Manager
Author:	Simon Hodges, Traffic Management Coordinator

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Road Closures Sub Committee on the proposed road closures associated with this years' Santa Parade on Riccarton Road.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Due to extensive earthquake damage to the Christchurch Central Business District (CBD) and the current cordon around the CBD, the Santa Parade route that has been used in recent years is not available. A number of alternate routes have been discussed with event organisers, the most practicable being the Riccarton Road Route.
3. Three objections to the proposed road closures were received. One from Mr Maurice O'Donnell (referred to as Objection 1), one from Mr Gary Miller (referred to as Objection 2). and one from R Tribe (referred to as Objection 3). The submissions made by the two objectors are attached to this report (refer to **Attachment 2, Attachment 3 & Attachment 4**)

OBJECTIONS

4. Objection 1 – from Mr Maurice O'Donnell: Mr O'Donnell's main concern outlined was whether residents could enter/exit their properties during the day of the parade. Robyn Gardener has responded to Mr O'Donnell informing him that residents will have limited access during the day and that if the proposed route is approved further information will be distributed to effected residents about how it will work on the day of the parade.
5. Objection 2 – from Mr Gary Miller: Mr Miller has outlined a number of reasons why he believes that the parade should not proceed down Riccarton Road:
 - (a) Footpath Capacity: Mr Miller commented that the footpaths on Riccarton Road are narrower than the footpaths on the CBD route.
 - (i) This has been considered and staff estimate that the footpath capacity on Riccarton Road will provide enough space to accommodate the expected number of parade watchers.
 - (b) Flow on effect of vehicles diverted by the proposed road closures.
 - (ii) The flow on effect of road closures has been considered and congestion points will be managed through implementation of the Traffic Management plan in conjunction with the New Zealand Police.
 - (iii) LGA Schedule 10 Part 11 paragraph (e): LGA Schedule 10 Part 11 paragraph (e) has been adhered to with the implementation of the Traffic Management Plan aiming to capture and detour traffic away from the area prior to getting to congestion points. It is considered by staff to adequately address the issues of congestion.
 - (c) Parking.
 - (iv) Sufficient parking is available on roads in the area to accommodate expected vehicle volumes. In addition to this Westfield Riccarton are employing extra staff to manage parking within their complex on the day.
 - (v) Building safety: Cera have assessed all at risk buildings on Riccarton Road and are only concerned with number 91. Number 91 Riccarton Road currently has a cordon in place that was installed after evaluation by Cera engineers to adequately protect the public.
 - (vi) Suggestion of using Hagley Park: Use of Hagley Park internally does not fit the criteria that the Santa Parade Trust require to hold a successful event

1.1 Cont'd

6. Objection 3 – From R Tribe: R Tribe has outlined a concern as to why they believe that the parade should not proceed down Riccarton Road.
 - (a) LGA Schedule 10 Part 11 paragraph (e): Provided that no road may be closed for any purpose specified in paragraph (e) if that closure would, in the opinion of the council, be likely to impede traffic unreasonably.
 - (b) As such I contend that Council have failed to give due considerations to the full effects on traffic in the area and that in fact council have had a hand in defining this route, as opposed to other lesser impeding alternatives that have been previously proposed.
 - (i) LGA Schedule 10 Part 11 paragraph (e) has been adhered to with the implementation of the Traffic Management Plan aiming to capture and detour traffic away from the area prior to getting to congestion points. It is considered by staff to adequately address the issues of congestion.
 - (ii) Previously proposed routes were declined by emergency services as not being a workable solution in light of the risk associated with a significant aftershock occurring during the running of the parade.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

7. Ecan have agreed that on the day bus services will be accommodated through installing detour routes utilising parallel road corridors to manage bus services during the event.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

8. Police: Support the route and have no concerns with the Riccarton Road route.
9. Fire Service: Support the route and have no concerns with the Riccarton Road route.
10. Ambulance: Support the route and have no concerns with the Riccarton Road route.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Road Closure Sub Committee:

- (a) Approve the proposed road closures as detailed in **Attachment 1**.

Traffic Management Plan Reference				
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Organisation	Contractor TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SERVICES		Client The Christchurch Childrens Christmas Parade Trust Parade PAM MORRIS 0274 510 427	
Contract	SANTA PARADE 2011		R.C.A. Consent Reference	
Location	Road Name(s) RICCARTON ROAD	Road Level LEVEL TWO	Speed Limit 50 KM	From RP To RP
Description of Activity	SANTA PARADE 2011			
Work Programme	COMMENCEMENT DATE : SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2011		COMPLETION DATE : SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2011	
Proposed Hours	SANTA PARADE : 2PM until 4PM RICCARTON ROAD CLOSED : 1PM until 5.30PM WHARENUI ROAD CLOSED : 8AM until 3.30PM NO STOPPING RESTRICTIONS : 6AM until 5.30PM			
Traffic Details (Main Route)	AADT	Peak Hour Flow		
Proposed Traffic Management Method	<p>Active : Riccarton Road is designated a Level 2 road under the NZTA Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management. Level 2 and Level 1 signs will be used to denote the parade route road closures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The Santa Parade route is along Riccarton Rd between Wharenuui Rd and the rail crossing however Riccarton Rd will be closed to traffic up to Deans Ave. * The Santa Parade assembly area is along Wharenuui Rd between Blenheim Rd and Riccarton Rd. * The Santa Parade disembarkment area is along Riccarton Rd east of the rail crossing through to Deans Ave and including Mona Vale Rd , Darvel St and Ayr St. * Wharenuui Rd will be closed to traffic between 8am and 3.30pm. Access will on be provided to residents and emergency services. * Riccarton Rd will be closed to traffic at 1pm. Vehicles will be able to exit closure but not enter. Only emergency services will be provided access. * It is proposed to leave Straven Rd / Clarence St open to through traffic until the last possible moment. A speed restriction of 30kph an hour will be required in this location due to the presence of pedestrians. * There is a possibility that MTC will be required for Blenheim Rd / Middleton St to allow for buses to to turn from Blenheim Rd into Middleton Rd uninterrupted. * Residents Access signs will be positioned Riccarton Rd at Ilam Rd. Public access past this point is allowed but will be restricted at 2pm or earlier should there be no more room to park. * All road closures will be manned by Red Badge Staff. Police and STMS will be located at certain locations located along the parade route as indicated in the TMP. Temporary Bus Stops will be established on Middleton Rd and Deans Ave. * It is proposed that key intersections in and around the parade route that are controlled by traffic lights have the lights changed to amber and be controlled by police / STMS to allow for better control of traffic and to minimise traffic congestion. * Road Closures will be removed progressively as Road Sweepers clear Riccarton Rd. <p style="text-align: center;">SEE ATTACHED TMPS</p>			
	Unattended : N / A			
	Night : N / A			

Proposed Speed Restrictions	Straven Rd / Clarence St Blenheim Rd / Middleton St
Positive Traffic Management Measures	Staff will continuously monitor the parade route to determine the adequacy of the traffic control and safety systems being employed.
Contingency Plans	If any conditions affect the road safety the event will be stopped and not restarted until safety has been restored. In the event of an emergency, the site will be secured and made safe. Emergency Services will be provided access to all road closures within the course route. Christchurch City Council - Ph: 03 941 8999
Public Notification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A public notice will be placed in the Christchurch Press and Christchurch Star. * A letter drop will be undertaken for all house holds / businesses along parade route and assembly / disembarkment areas. The event organiser is responsible for this. * 2x Variable Message Signs (VMS) to positioned on Riccarton Rd east and west of the parade route informing public of Riccarton Rd Closure and parking restrictions. VMS to be placed out 1 week in advance of the Santa Parade. * It is proposed that 3x VMS be positioned for 3 days on Straven Rd , Clarence St and Clyde Rd to inform public of the Riccarton Rd closure and to suggest alternate routes. (VMS locations are only proposals. Other locations/routes maybe more suitable) * All VMS on parade day can be accessed to change messages as required. * Bus Companies have been notified of the closure and alternate routes and Bus Stops have been identified and factored in.
Personal Safety	All employees and subcontractors will wear clean, high visibility safety garments which comply with Section B3 of the Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management. Other appropriate Personal Protective Equipment will be worn as required.
On - Site Monitoring	<p>Attended : 7 x L2/3P STMS will be onsite at all times along with Red Badge and police. Radio Contact to be maintained between Lead STMS, Lead Police, Lead Red Badge</p> <p>Unattended : N / A</p> <p>Overnight : N / A</p> <p>Other times : N / A</p>
Other Information (Delay calcs, EED Issues, temporary speed issues)	It is proposed to establish event signs under the road closed ahead signs.
Layout Diagram	ATTACHED.

EED Applicable ?	N	Attached : N																								
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<p style="text-align: center;">This TMP is Approved on the Following Basis</p> <p>1 : To the best of the approving Engineer's judgement this TMP conforms to the requirements of Transit New Zealand's Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management.</p> <p>2 : This plan is approved on the basis that the activity, the location and the road environment have been correctly represented by the applicant. Any inaccuracy in the portrayal of this information is the responsibility of the applicant. The STMS for the activity is reminded that it is the STMS's duty to "Postpone, cancell or modify operations due to the adverse traffic, weather or other conditions that affect the safety of this site".</p> <p>Approving Engineer</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Name and Certificate Number</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">.....</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Signature</p>																										
Acceptance by TMC	TMC Cert No. : Signature	Date																								

Pursuant to the appropriate Section of the Traffic Regulations, a temporary No Stopping area is hereby fixed for motor vehicles travelling over the length of as detailed below:

Sought by (Contractor) : Traffic Management Services

For (Client) : The Christchurch Childrens Christmas Parade Trust

Contract No. SANTA PARADE 2011

Road Name / State Highway : Riccarton Road

Situated at : Riccarton, Christchurch

From Route Position : Wharenui Road

To Route Position : Deans Ave / Riccarton Rd Round about

Date of Operation : Sunday 4th December 2011

To the Date of : Sunday 4th December 2011

Between the hours of : 6.00 am to 5.30 pm

Approval Granted By : Name :
Position :
Signature :
Date :

Special Conditions to Apply :
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Sought by (Contractor) : Traffic Management Services

For (Client) : The Christchurch Childrens Christmas Parade Trust

Contract No. SANTA PARADE 2011

Road Name / State Highway : Mona Vale Avenue, Darvel Street, Ayr Street

Situated at : Riccarton, Christchurch

From Route Position : Kilmarnoch Street, Riccarton Road, Deans Avenue

To Route Position : Riccarton Road

Date of Operation : Sunday 4th December 2011

To the Date of : Sunday 4th December 2011

Between the hours of : 6.00 am to 5.30 pm

Approval Granted By : Name :
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Signature :
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Special Conditions to Apply :
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Pursuant to Section 23(1) of the Traffic Regulations, a temporary maximum speed limit of .30. kilometres per hour is hereby fixed for motor vehicles travelling over the length of:

Sought by (Contractor) : Traffic Management Services

For (Client) : The Christchurch Childrens Christmas Parade Trust

Contract No. SANTA PARADE 2011

Road Name / State Highway : Straven Road and Clarence Street

Situated at : Riccarton, Christchurch

From Route Position : 200m north of Riccarton Road

To Route Position : 200m south of Riccarton Road

From the date of : Sunday 4th December 2011

To the Date of : Sunday 4th December 2011

Between the hours of : 13:00 hrs and 17:30 hrs

Approval Granted By :

Name :

Position :

Signature :

Date :

Special Conditions to Apply :

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Sought by (Contractor) : **Traffic Management Services**

For (Client) : **The Christchurch Childrens Christmas Parade Trust**

Contract No. **SANTA PARADE 2011**

Road Name / State Highway : **Blenheim Road**

Situated at : **Riccarton, Christchurch**

From Route Position : **200m east of Middleton Road**

To Route Position : **200m west of Middleton Road**

From the date of : **Sunday 4th December 2011**

To the Date of : **Sunday 4th December 2011**

Between the hours of : **13:00** hrs and **17:30** hrs

Approval Granted By :

Name :

Position :

Signature :

Date :

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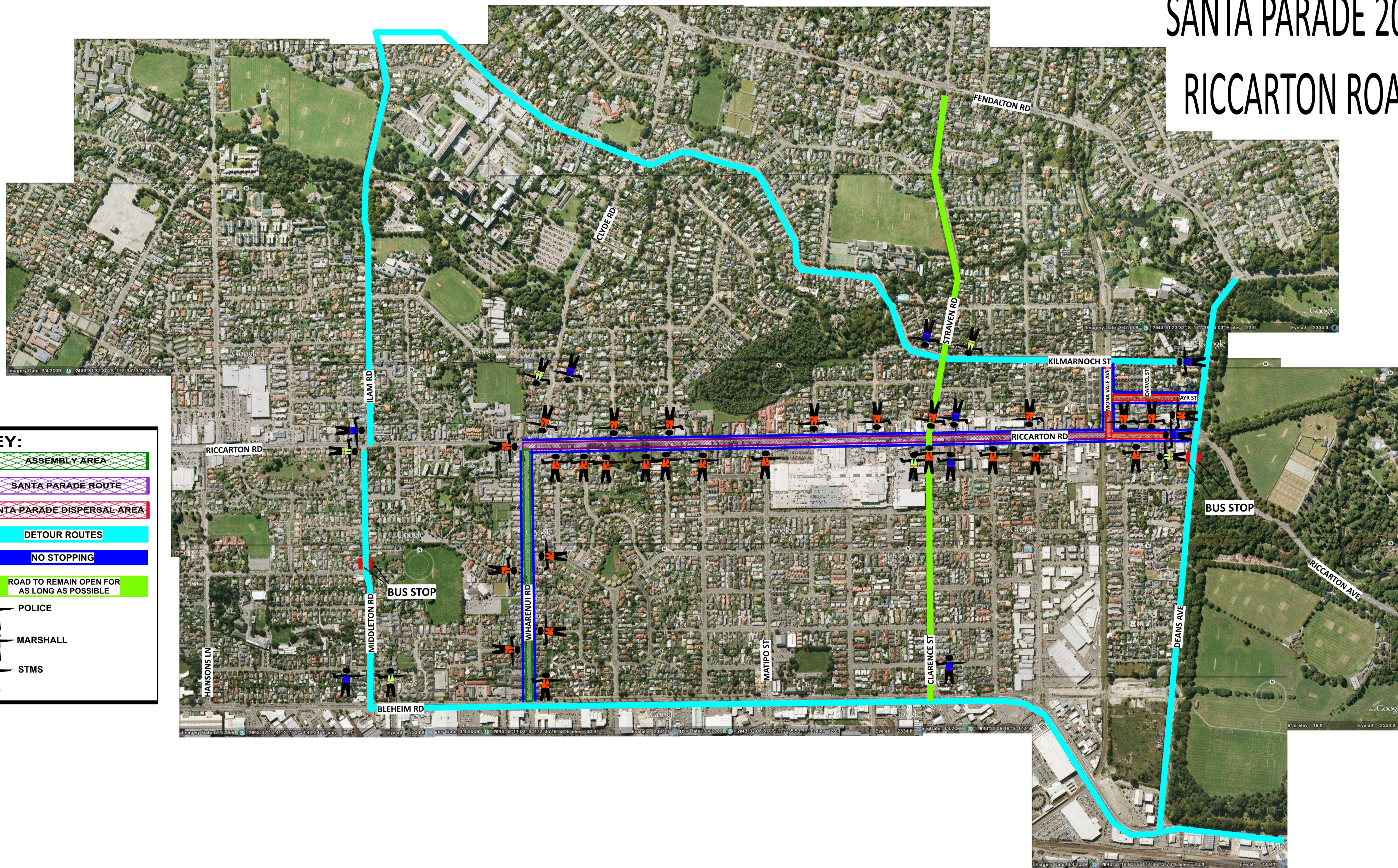
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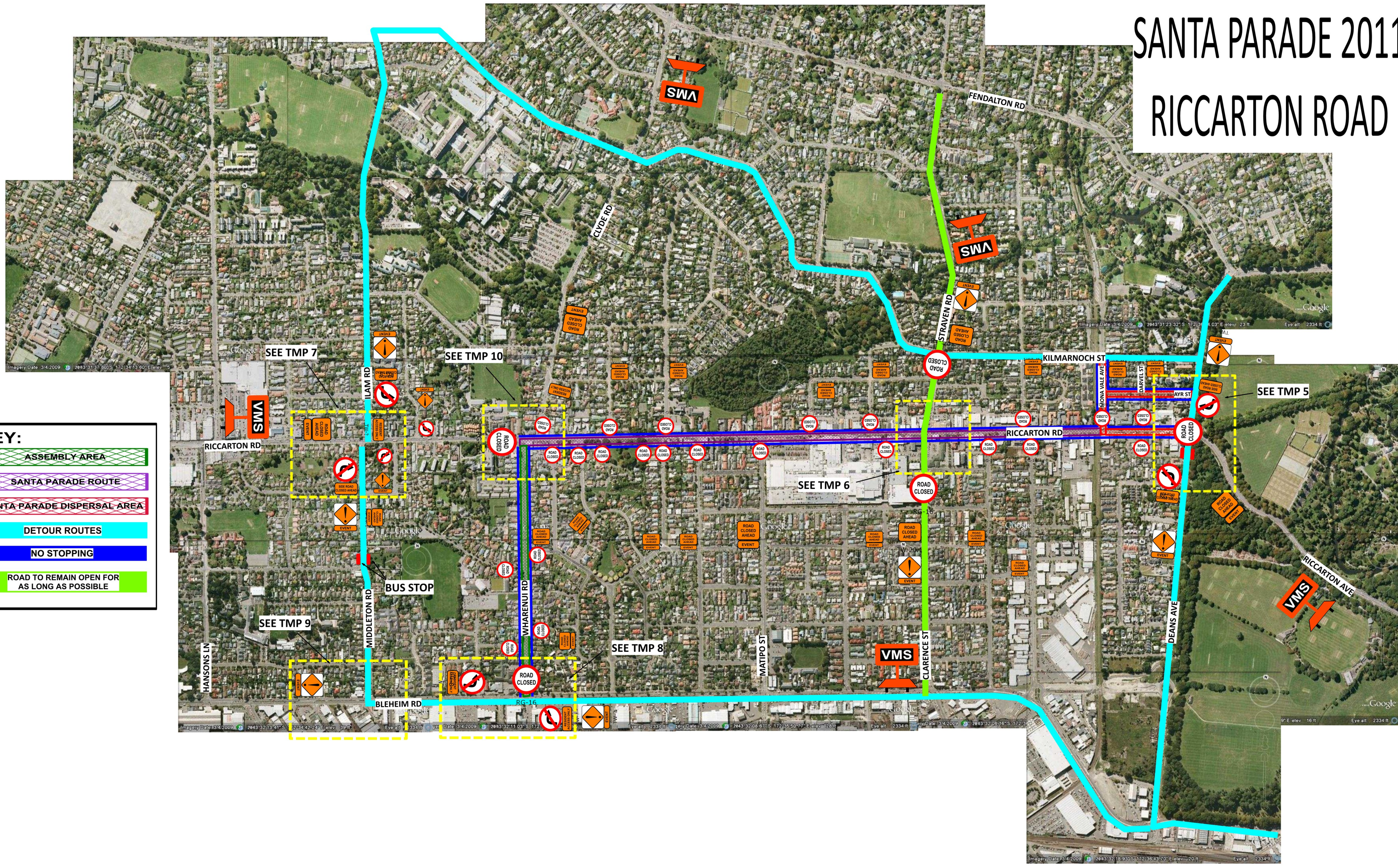
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KEY:

- ASSEMBLY AREA
- SANTA PARADE ROUTE
- SANTA PARADE DISPERSAL AREA
- DETOUR ROUTES
- NO STOPPING
- ROAD TO REMAIN OPEN FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE
- POLICE
- MARSHALL
- STMS

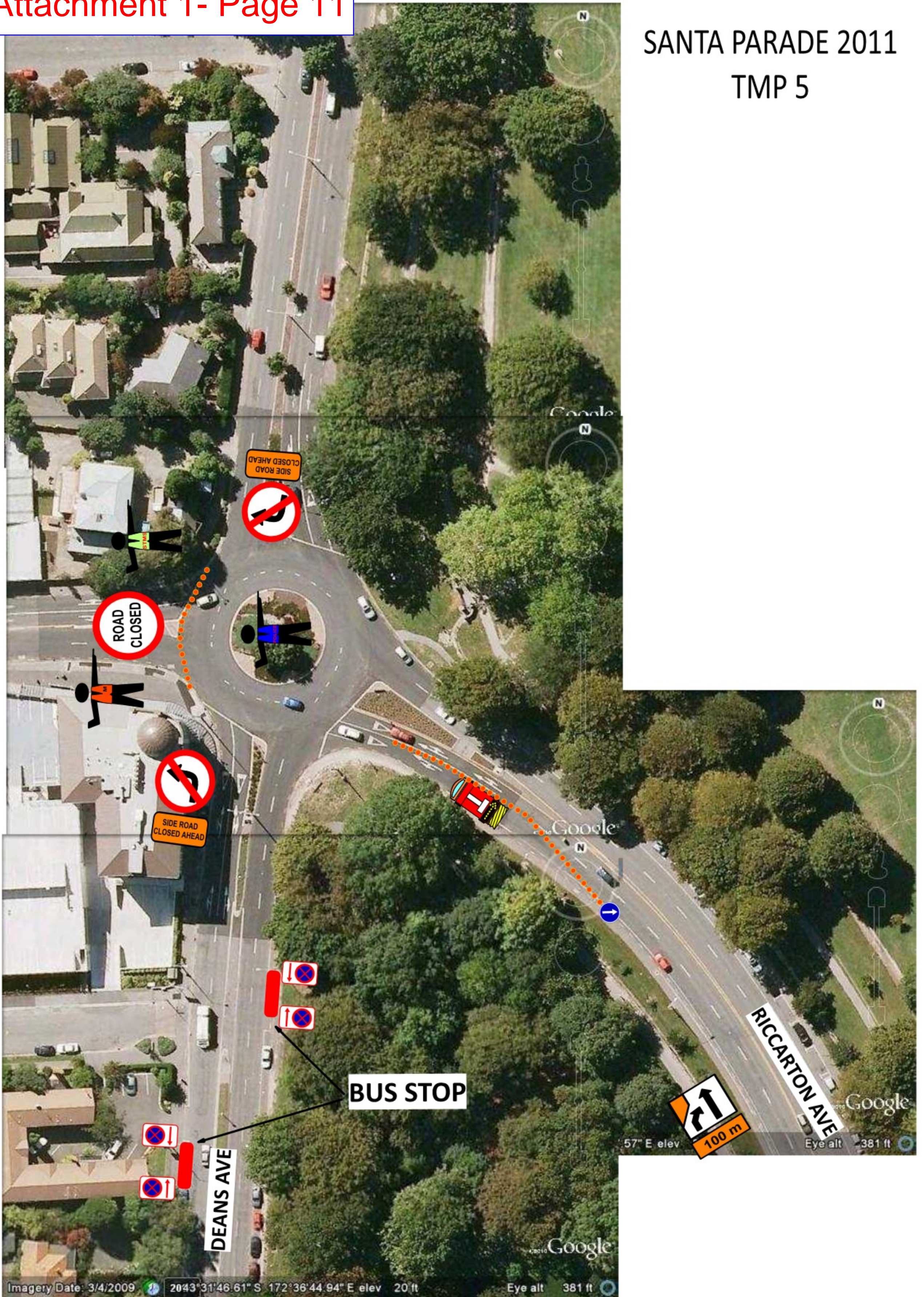
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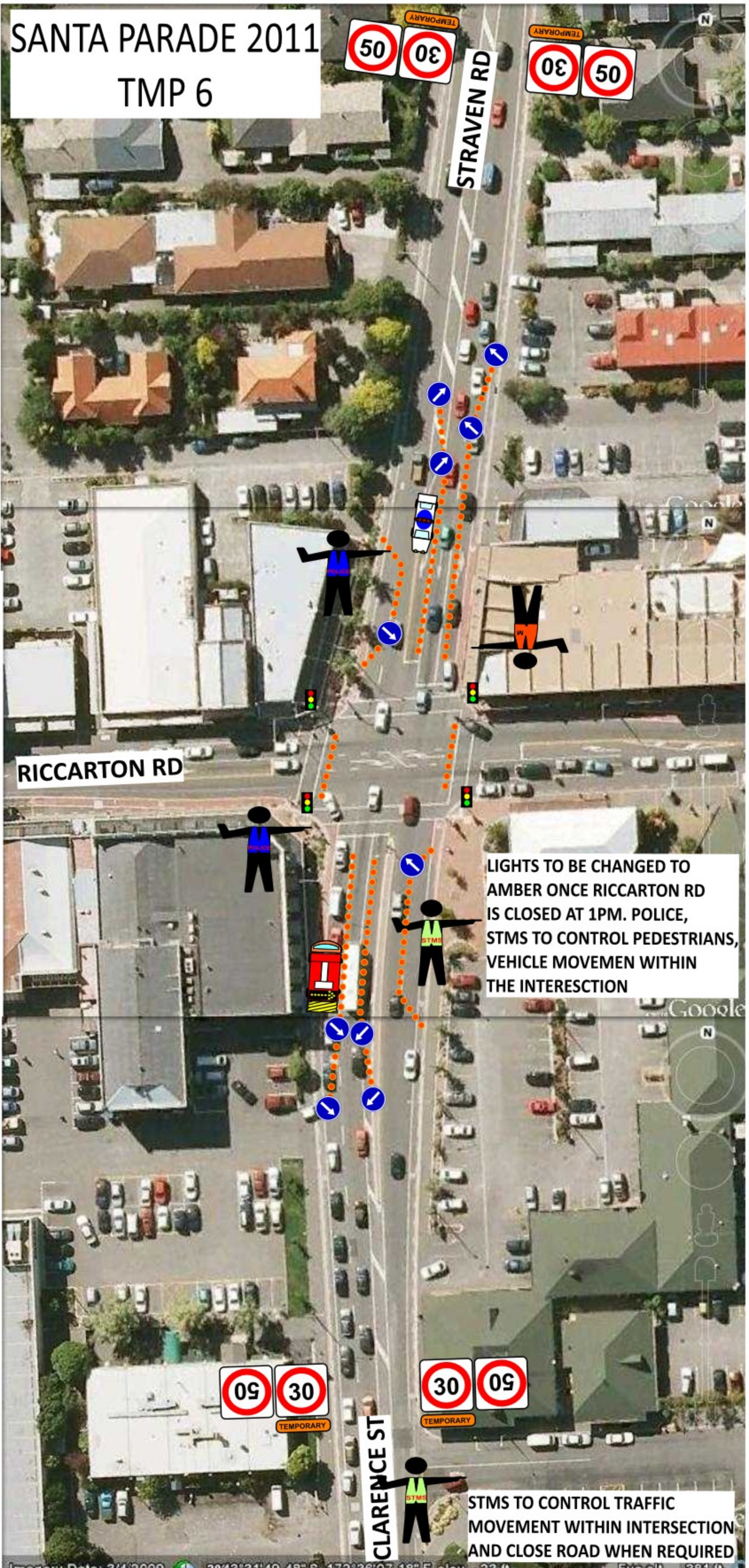
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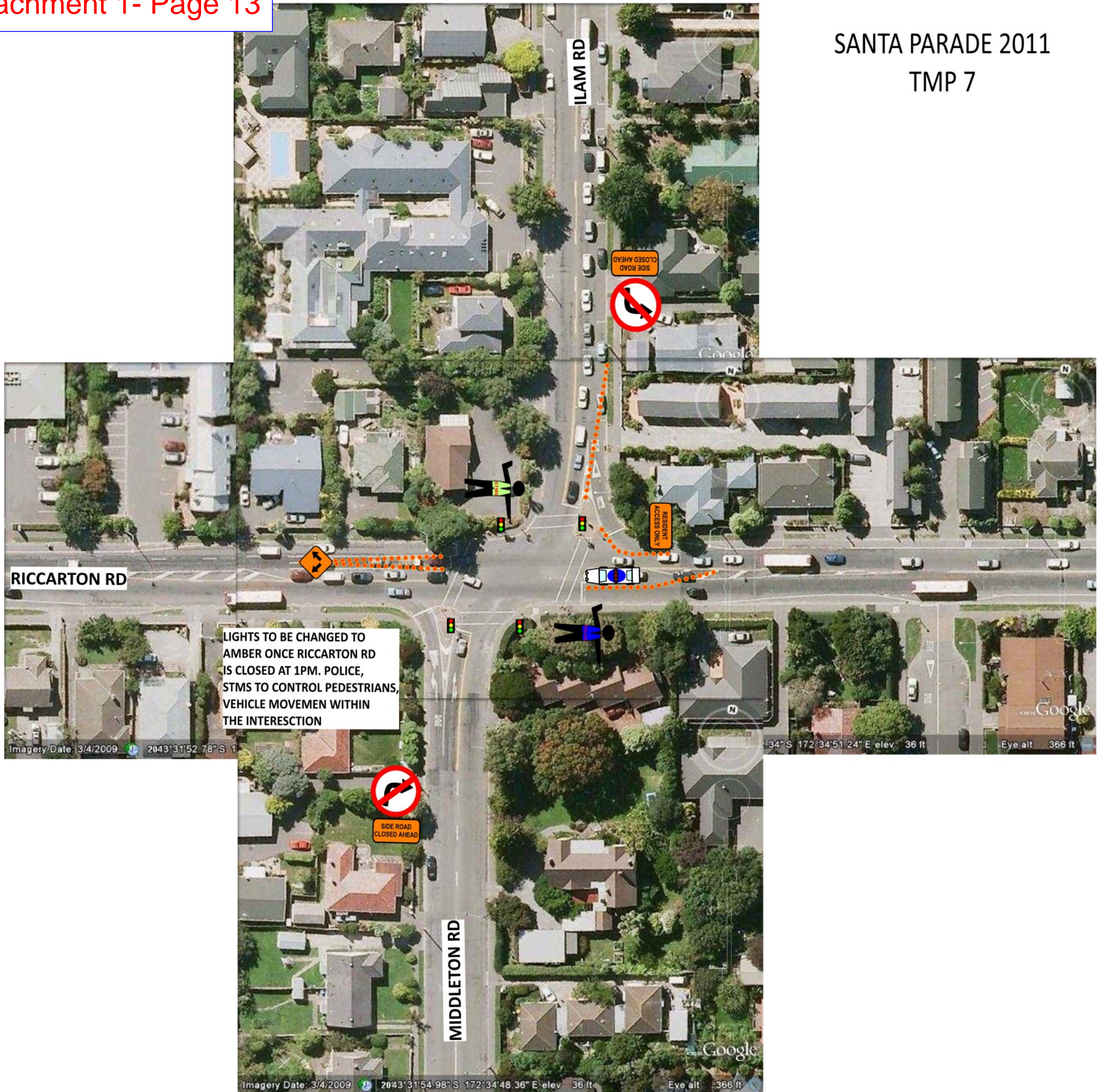
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TMP 6



SANTA PARADE 2011 TMP 7



LIGHTS TO BE CHANGED TO AMBER ONCE RICCARTON RD IS CLOSED AT 1PM. POLICE, STMS TO CONTROL PEDESTRIANS, VEHICLE MOVEMENT WITHIN THE INTERSECTION

SIDE ROAD CLOSED AHEAD

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RESIDENT ACCESS ONLY

RICCARTON RD

ILAM RD

MIDDLETON RD

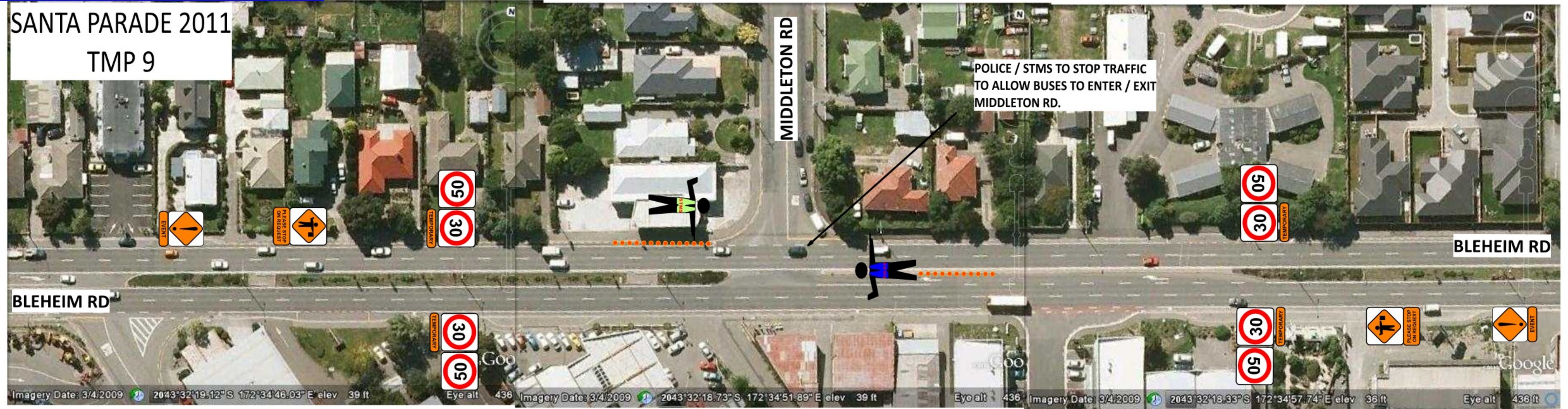
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SANTA PARADE 2011
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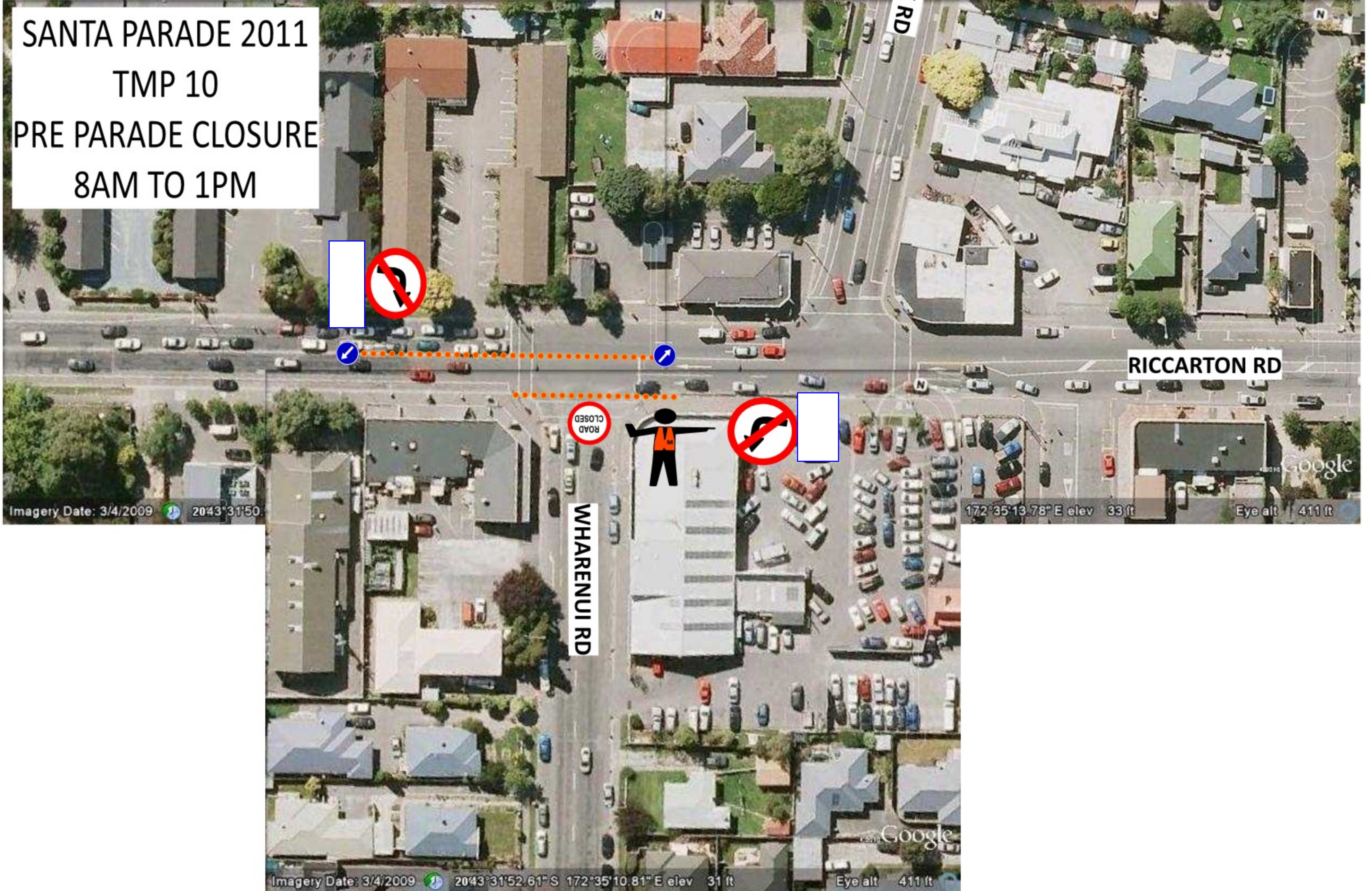


SANTA PARADE 2011
TMP 9





SANTA PARADE 2011
TMP 10
PRE PARADE CLOSURE
8AM TO 1PM



Imagery Date: 3/4/2009 2043°31'50"

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ATTACHMENT 2

Objection 1

Maurice

[Reference: Public notice 18th October 2011 - Temp Road Closure, Santa Parade, 4 Dec](#)

Access for all residents of Wharenui Road will be maintained from 8.00am to 2.00pm but there will be no resident movements accommodated from 2.00pm to 3.30pm during the time when the floats are moving on Wharenui Rd. The proposal is that Wharenui Road will be run as a one-way for resident access flowing to the north - exit for residents will be via Riccarton Road and entry will be via Blenheim Road except during the 2.00pm to 3.30pm period.

If the proposed option goes ahead, there will be more information delivered to affected residents prior to the event taking place.

Kind regards, Robyn

Robyn Gardener

Transport Safety Team Leader

Transport and Greenspace

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Christchurch City Council

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From: MAURICE O DONNELL [mailto:odonnellmr@xtra.co.nz]

Sent: Tuesday, 18 October 2011 5:40 pm

To: Sullivan, Clare

Subject: road closures for Santa Parade

Hi Clare

Please refer to public notice in Press of the 18th October 2011 regarding proposed temporary road closure for the Santa Parade on Sunday 4th December.

I live in Carmichael Courts, a complex of 25 flats with an entrance off 14 Wharenui Road.

According to the public notice, Wharenui Rd will be closed to all traffic from 8am to 3.30pm.

Could you please confirm that this restriction applies to residents of Wharenui Road or will there be provision for residents to come and go.

My neighbours are especially alarmed at the early beginning of the restricted use of Wharenui Road.

There are a lot of elderly residents in Carmichael Courts and it would be very inconvenient for them to have to get out of their flats before 8am, if they need to go anywhere that Sunday.

Thanks for your help.

Maurice O'Donnell

14/14 Wharenui Road

Riccarton

Christchurch 8041

email - odonnellmr@xtra.co.nz

telephone 03-3487-697

Attachment 3**Objection 2**

From: Gary Miller [mailto:nchefz@xtra.co.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 20 October 2011 11:03 pm
To: Sullivan, Clare
Subject: Objection to Road Closure

To whom it may concern,
 I am writing to lodge my objection to the proposed route and road closures, for the 2011 Santa Parade, as advertised by the CCC on the grounds that;

To close off Riccarton Road from Wharenuui down to Hagley Park on the first Sunday of December is asking for issues and problems of a nature seen in Auckland during the RWC Opening Party. Potentially there will be 100,000 people who will line the street, going by past records of public attendance at this event. The foot paths are narrower than Colombo St, especially around the Riccarton Mall area.

This will affect more than Riccarton Rd and Wharenuui, it will also have effects on, Euston St, Tika St, Rattray St, Matipo St, Division St, Clarence St, Picton Ave, Mandeville St and Deans Ave to the south of Riccarton Rd. Clyde St, Puriri St, Kauri St, Rimu St, Harakeke St, Mona Vale Ave and Darvel St to the North.

The consequential flow on effects of diverting traffic and residents will also affect Fendalton Rd, Memorial Ave, Blenheim Rd, Waireiki Rd, with the cumulative effects resulting in potential Grid Lock.

I draw your attention to Schedule 10, Part 11, Final Paragraph of the Local Government Act 1974 which clearly states:

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As such I contend that Council have failed to give due considerations to the full effects on traffic in the area and that in fact council have had a hand in defining this route, as opposed to other lesser impeding alternatives that have been previously proposed.

Has any thought been given to parking? That is potentially 20,000 vehicles converging on the Riccarton area and I for one fail to see how this area could cope with a traffic volume of this magnitude, along with the existing Sunday traffic in this area. The result at the end of the day would be akin to the grid-lock experienced on Feb 22nd when thousands attempted to exit the city center all at the same time as previously stated.

A further question I would ask of council and the authorities to consider is, how confident are they of the safety of some of those older buildings on Riccarton Rd should a significant seismic event occur? With potentially thousands of people lining the street and being directly under the facades of those buildings. (this is not scaremongering, this is a question that needs to be asked)

The city needs its Santa Parade for both young and those of us who are not so young to give a sense of normality around the festive season. I believe that the parade should be considered to be held in Hagley Park itself. The area where the current RWC Fan Zone and the Backing Black areas are would be an ideal space for the floats etc... to parade around. Before anyone at CCC says we can't have trucks/floats driving around the field, well this has already been done with the vehicles that have been used to set up these areas and there is already tire tracks nearly all the way round the edge of this area.

The floats could assemble in Rolleston Ave and then proceed into the park through the Armagh St entrance, drive a circuit of the field and then exit via the same way. At the completion of the parade to really add a family day to the proceedings entertainment and stalls could be put on in the same place as where the current Real NZ, Presenting Canterbury Festival is taking place, the CCC could look at putting on a community sausage sizzle. This could be achieved within this area; there could be children's entertainment, live entertainment and things like cooking demos with local chefs, something for the whole family!!!! Parking could be taken care of at South Hagley or encourage people to use public transport to the Hospital and then walk into the park as was the situation with the Quake Memorial Service.

On the 3rd of December the Christchurch & South Island Food and Wine Festival is taking place in the festival area of Hagley, so the infrastructure would already be in place for entertainment, stall holders etc.... I see this as being a practical solution to what appears to be a vexing situation.

I wish to state that I fully support the Santa Parade and the joy it will bring to many Cantabrians, however I also believe that Council have not been sufficiently accommodating or willing to give due consideration to alternatives.

I would appreciate a timely acknowledgement of receipt of my objection and also feedback as to what council proposes to mitigate the potential hazards that I have outlined.

Sincerely

Gary Miller
 0275-918-777

New Zealand Chefs Hall of Fame Recipient - 2006

Attachment 4

Objection 3

From: Inkspressit [mailto:inkspressit@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 20 October 2011 10:18 pm
To: Sullivan, Clare
Subject: Santa Parade 2011 - Roads Proposed to be Closed:

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to lodge my objection to the proposed route and road closures as advertised by the CCC on the grounds that;

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