ITEM 14. STREET EVENTS – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – MOORE PARK ROAD – 2016 TROPFEST FESTIVAL CENTENNIAL PARK

TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/531762

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the temporary road closure of Moore Park Road at Oxford Street, Centennial Park, for the 2016 Tropfest Festival between 9:30pm and 11:30pm on Sunday 14 February 2016 to facilitate the safe exit of patrons from the site, subject to the following conditions:

- (A) This temporary road closure is to be activated only if it is deemed necessary by the NSW Police for the safe egress of the event crowd.
- (B) The Applicant must comply with the temporary road closures conditions as stipulated in Schedule C of this agenda.
- (C) The Applicant must apply to the Transport Management Centre for a Road Occupancy License for the temporary road closure
- (D) The Applicant must contact Eastern Beaches Police to discuss deployment of user pay police for this event.
- (E) The Applicant must contact the City's Venue Management Unit to discuss the event.
- (F) The Traffic Management and Traffic Control Plans are agreed to 'in principle' and must be finalised through a Working Group established by the Event Organiser. The Working Group is to comprise representatives from NSW Police, Transport for NSW (Transport Management Centre), State Transit Authority, the City, Centennial Parklands and Event Organisers.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

Matt Giles from Event Services International has applied on behalf Tropfest Event organiser for the short-term temporary road closure of Moore Park Road at Oxford Street for the 2016 Tropfest Festival, between 9:30pm and 11:30pm on Sunday 14 February 2016.

This temporary road closure is to be activated only if it is deemed necessary by the NSW Police for the safe egress of the event crowd (as a "planned contingency" closure).

COMMENTS

Tropfest Festival is occurring in Centennial Parklands for the 3rd time on Sunday 14 February 2016 from 11am to 11pm for up to 50,000 patrons. The event requires the closure of Moore Park Road at the intersection with Oxford Street at the conclusion of the event to assist with the safe dispersal of the crowd. This closure will be only activated if deemed necessary by NSW Police to ensure the safety of the event crowd.

If the closure is activated, it will be implemented by the NSW Police – Eastern Beaches Local Area Command from 9:30pm to 11:30pm to assist with the safe movement of pedestrians out of the Paddington Gates of Centennial Parklands and across the intersection of Moore Park Road onto Oxford Street.

Traffic travelling westbound on Moore Park Road will be diverted to stay on Oxford Street to travel towards the City and then south onto South Dowling Street. The organisers will work with the Transport Management Centre to monitor flow along this road to minimise disruptions to motorists travelling on Oxford Street.

Traffic travelling eastbound on Moore Park Road will be able to proceed through to the intersection of Oxford Street only under the direction of NSW Police. There will be no forced diversions for eastbound traffic but a strong VMS messaging strategy will be implemented to divert as many vehicles as possible before they reach Moore Park Road eastbound.

Portable and permanent VMS Boards will be utilised on Cleveland Street, Flinders Street, South Dowling Street and Anzac Parade to provide advanced warning of anticipated delays and detours.

Pedestrian management arrangements will also be in place in Lang Road to safely move pedestrians from Centennial Parklands to the Showground Fields and the Entertainment Quarter.

Temporary Road Closures - Sunday 14 February 2016

Moore Park Road at Oxford Street will be temporarily closed from 9:30pm to 11:30pm on Sunday 14 February 2016 subject to the NSW Police deeming it necessary for the safe egress of the crowd at the conclusion of the event.

If the closure is implemented, the road will be closed until the crowd is dispersed and the intersection can again handle regular pedestrian flows. It is anticipated that Moore Park Road will be reopened by 11:30pm.

CONSULTATION

The Applicant will be required to notify affected residents and stakeholders as stipulated in Schedule C.

FINANCIAL

All costs associated with the proposed closures will be borne by the Applicant.

ATTACHMENTS

Street Events – Temporary Road Closure – Moore Park Road – 2016 Tropfest Festival Centennial Park

Joseph Gomes – Area Traffic Engineer

≥ Moore Park Road Closure (if deemed necessary by NSW Police for safe egress of event) (Permanent/Portable) of Eastbound Traffic Westbound Traffic **Eastbound Traffic** VMS Location Soft Detour Roses Edgecuff STN Paddington 15 weywood

