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# Traffic Management



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#### Make sure you're not in the way!

The easiest way to avoid a gridlock is to plan ahead and to eliminate the need for you to manage traffic.

#### What's this all about?

If your project will affect the usual flow of traffic, you'll need an approved Traffic Management Plan (TMP), to ensure the safety of road users, and to minimise traffic disruption, delay or inconvenience.

Designing a TMP and putting it into place may seem like a simple task but it's actually a specialised field of work and pretty involved. As well as complying with the New Zealand Transport Authority's Temporary Traffic Management Code, TMPs need Christchurch City Council approval.

Why the hurdles? Because if traffic management isn't working well, there's a real risk of people getting injured.

#### LIVS' top tips

- With careful planning you should be able to design your project so that you don't need a TMP!
- Find out where costs are incurred early, so that where possible, you can adjust your project plan and avoid affecting traffic flow.

#### High five! The key things to consider

1. **Intersections:** Plan your project well away from any busy intersections
2. **Rush hour:** Schedule deliveries or performances to take place away from rush hour traffic.
3. **Footpaths:** Don't block footpaths or cycle ways.

4. **Murals:** If you are drawing a mural, ensure that you're at least 1m from the road.
5. **Cost:** If you do need a TMP, make sure you speak with someone at the Council early to gain an understanding of the timeframes and costs involved.