

Media Advisory

29 December 2009

SECURITY AND TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MARINA BAY SINGAPORE COUNTDOWN 09/10

The public is advised to take note of the following traffic and security arrangements for the Marina Bay SINGAPORE Countdown 09/10 on 31 Dec 09.

Road closures

For the safety of participants and to facilitate traffic arrangements for the event, the following roads will be closed to all motorists (map attached):

S/N	Roads Affected	Period
1.	Extreme left lane of Raffles Avenue (between Temasek Avenue and Esplanade Drive)	31st December 2009 from 5 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. the following day.
2.	Extreme right lane of Esplanade Drive in the direction of Nicoll Highway (between Raffles Avenue and Fullerton Road)	31st December 2009 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. the following day.
3.	Extreme right lane of Esplanade Drive in the direction of Shenton Way (between Raffles Avenue and Fullerton Road)	
4.	One carriageway of Esplanade Drive in the direction of Nicoll Highway (between Raffles Avenue and Fullerton Road)	31st December 2009 from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.
5.	One carriageway of Esplanade Drive in the direction of Shenton Way (between Raffles Avenue and Fullerton Road)	
6.	Extreme left lane of Fullerton Road in the direction of Collyer Quay	31st December 2009 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.
7.	Extreme left lane of Collyer Quay in the direction of Shenton Way (between Fullerton Road and Marina Boulevard)	
8.	Extreme left lane of Marina Boulevard in the direction of East Coast Parkway (between Collyer Quay and Marina View)	
9.	Extreme left lane of Fullerton Road in the direction of Esplanade Drive (between Fullerton Square and Esplanade Drive)	31st December 2009 from 11.30 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. the following day.
10.	One carriageway of Temasek Avenue in the direction of Raffles Ave (between Raffles	31st December 2009 from 11.30 p.m. to 2 a.m. the

	Boulevard and Raffles Avenue)	
11.	Raffles Avenue (between Temasek Avenue and Esplanade Drive)	following day.
12.	Raffles Link (between Raffles Avenue and Raffles Boulevard)	
13.	Connaught Drive	31st December 2009 from 11.45 p.m. to 1.30 a.m. the following day.
14.	Marina Boulevard (between Collyer Quay and Marina View)	31st December 2009 from 11.45 p.m. to 12.15 a.m. the following day.
15.	Marina View	31st December 2009 from 12 a.m. to 12.15 a.m. the following day.
16.	One carriageway of Collyer Quay in the direction of Fullerton Road (between D' Almeida Street and Fullerton Road)	31st December 2009 from 12 midnight to 12.30 a.m. the following day.
17.	One carriageway of Fullerton Road in the direction of St Andrew's Road (between Collyer Quay and Connaught Drive)	
18.	D' Almeida Street (between Collyer Quay and Malacca Street)	
19.	Malacca Street (between D'Almeida Street and Market Street)	
20.	De Souza Street	
21.	Fullerton Square (between Flint Street and Fullerton Road)	
22.	Flint Street	
23.	Bonham Street	
24.	Battery Road (between Fullerton Square and Market Street)	
25.	Extreme left lane of Finlayson Green in the direction of Marina Boulevard (between Robinson Road and Collyer Quay)	

Motorists are advised to avoid the affected roads and to slow down should they need to travel along these roads or pass by the affected junctions. Auxiliary Police Officers will be stationed at all affected road junctions to regulate traffic and assist motorists as well as to facilitate the movement of pedestrians. Traffic advisory signs and electronic Variable Message Signs will be placed at strategic locations leading to the event's vicinity to guide motorists.

Parking restrictions along the peripheral roads will be strictly enforced. Vehicles found parking and causing obstruction will be summoned and towed away.

Public bus services affected by the road closures may be diverted from their original routes. Bus inspectors from bus companies will be stationed at selected locations to advise commuters of the diversions. Information signs will also be placed at the affected bus stops.

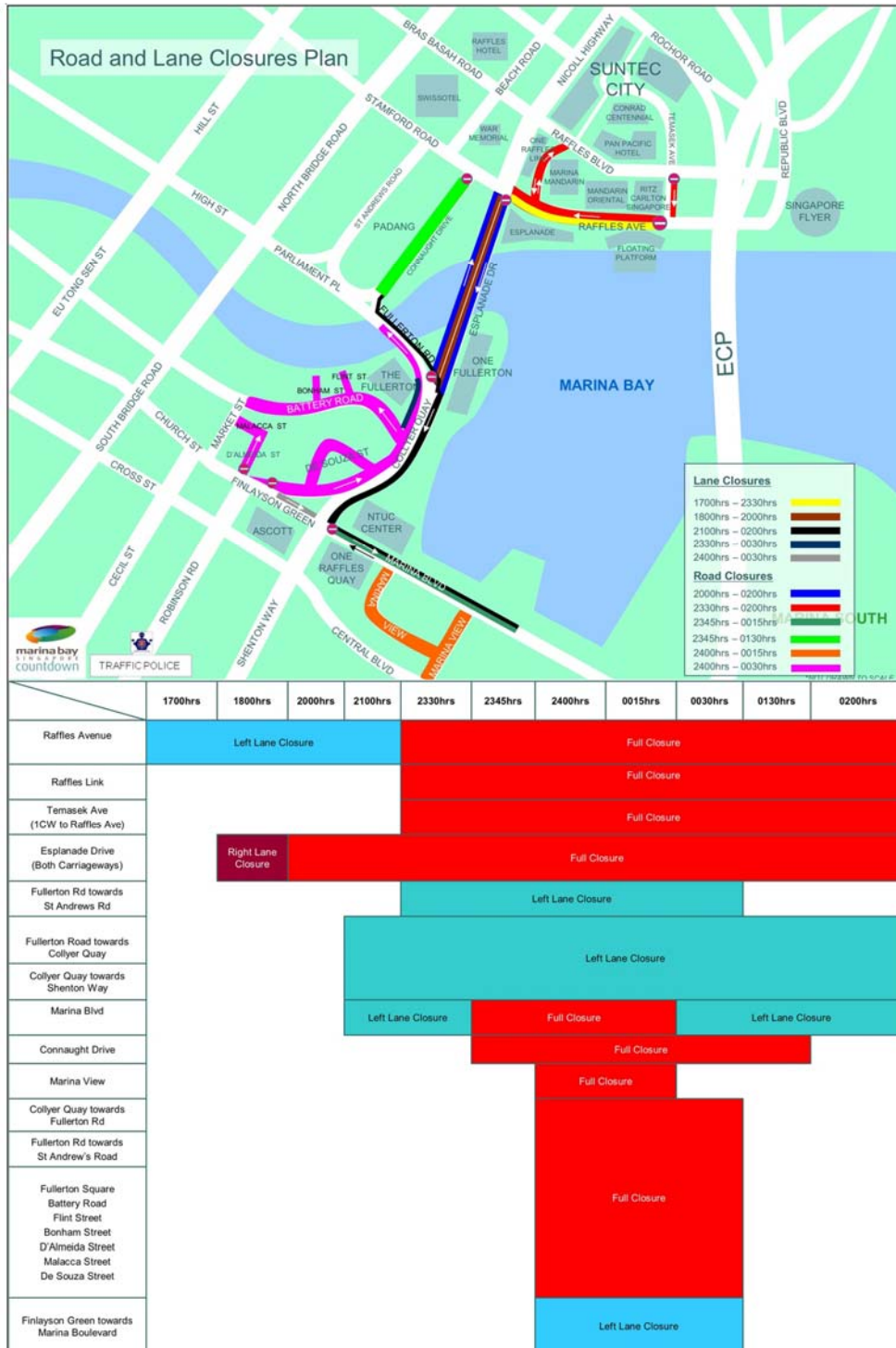
Motorists travelling from Shenton Way planning to use Nicoll Highway to get to the eastern part of Singapore are advised to use the ECP entrance at Maxwell Road. Motorists travelling from Nicoll Highway planning to get to the western part of Singapore are advised to use Republic Ave onto Ophir Rd to get into ECP.

Traffic Enforcement along ECP

The ECP serves as a critical link from the city to Changi Airport as well as a quick access route during contingencies and therefore must be kept moving. Stopping of vehicles along the ECP Benjamin Sheares Bridge to watch the fireworks is therefore strictly prohibited. Traffic Police officers together with APOs will be deployed to take enforcement action against motorists stopping illegally along ECP, including, the towing away of vehicles.

Tune in to the radio / Use public transport

Traffic Police will be providing regular updates to keep motorists informed of the traffic situation via EMAS advisory notices and MediaCorp's Traffic Watch. Members of the public traveling to the area are advised to make use of public transport as congestions / diversions are expected. The understanding of the public is much appreciated.



Extension of operating hours for public transport

The operating hours of public transport services will be extended to facilitate traveling to and from Esplanade for the Countdown event. Please note that the last train will

leave City Hall MRT station at 2.00am. SBS Transit will run their Nite Owl bus service until 4.00am and SMRT Corporation Ltd will be running their NightRider bus service until 4.35am.

Members of the public attending this event are advised to make use of public transport as traffic congestion is expected.

Safety and security

Members of the public are advised to look after their belongings especially when they are in crowded places. For security and safety reasons, bags and personal items may be subjected to checks by the Police. Members of the public are advised to cooperate with the Police and Auxiliary Police Officers should checks be conducted. They should also notify the Police or Auxiliary Police Officers of any suspicious items or persons.

The Police have also issued an advisory to remind members of public who are out enjoying the festivities that there may be some in their midst who would seize this opportunity to commit crimes. Members of the public are advised to remain vigilant and alert at all times. The Police will not hesitate to take action against persons who commit crimes or cause a nuisance to the general public under the guise of festivities.

The public can take the following precautions to minimise the risk of falling prey to such opportunists:

- Be wary of strangers who approach you in crowded areas
- Stay close to your friends or move around in groups when in crowded places
- Avoid contact with unruly crowds

The public may approach Police officers who are deployed on the ground for assistance immediately. Alternatively, they can also call the Police at '999' or make a report at the nearest Police station.

The Police have also stated that they will not hesitate to take action against persons who use spray foam or confetti to commit crimes or are a nuisance to the general public.

As large crowds are expected to gather at Esplanade Bridge, Esplanade Waterfront Promenade, One Fullerton / Merlion Park, Esplanade Park and other locations around the Marina Bay vicinity, for safety reasons, Auxiliary Police Officers will be regulating the number of persons allowed into these areas. In view of public safety, the pathway along Benjamin Sheares Bridge will be closed to public from 6pm on 31 Dec 2009 to 1am on 1 Jan 2010.

The public is also advised to bring raincoats in case of wet weather.

Due to the large crowd anticipated, dispersal is expected to be slow after the event. Members of the public are advised to be patient and follow the instructions of the

Auxiliary Police Officers and Security Officers. Crowd control barricades and directional signs will be in place to facilitate safe and orderly crowd dispersal.

As heavy congestion is expected at City Hall MRT Station, members of the public are advised to make use of the nearby Raffles Place MRT Station and other public transport alternatives.

Members of the public will also be re-directed to other areas to watch the fireworks when the capacity in the vicinity of Esplanade is full.

For further enquires, please call 6828 8377.

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