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# Smooth sailing to the Cup

## Preparing for the 36<sup>th</sup> America's Cup, presented by Prada

## 17 – 20 December: America's Cup World Series Auckland and the Christmas Race

Kia ora,

The 36th America's Cup is almost here. The following information is to help you get ready and plan for the transport changes that will come into effect on the America's Cup racing days between December 2020 and March 2021. You can check for public transport and road changes updates on our website www.at.govt.nz/americascup.

#### **Racing in December**

Racing will start on the  $17^{th} - 20^{th}$  of December 2020 for the America's Cup World Series Auckland and the Christmas Race.

It will be the first time all the teams get to race against each other, so we expect public interest will be high with large crowds expected in the city and at other spectator viewing spots.

#### Access changes during the event period

Access changes including road closures and parking restrictions are just some of the things we, along with the event organiser, America's Cup Event Ltd, will put in place along the waterfront, in the city centre and in the America's Cup Village to ensure people's safety and smooth event operations.

#### Race day road closures

- Wynyard Quarter Roads will close to vehicle traffic around 11am and reopen late in the evening
- Viaduct Harbour, Lower Hobson, Lower Albert, Quay St and Britomart area roads close to vehicle traffic around 1pm and reopen around 8pm

A map of the road closures is at the end of this document.

#### Planning ahead for service deliveries, pickups and drop offs

With the above road closures in effect we strongly recommend scheduling your service deliveries, couriers, pickups and drops offs before the roads close in your area or during the time they are open again. Any pickups or deliveries that need to be made during the road closure times will need to be made outside the affected area.

#### Parking on race days

There will be no on-street parking in the Viaduct Harbour area and Wynyard Quarter. Limited on-street parking will be available outside of this area.





Need to drive in? Download AT's Parking app and get help finding an alternative car park.

### You have an off-street car park

If you have a dedicated off-street carpark, then you or your business are eligible for a vehicle permit. This permit will allow you to pass through the managed road closures and park off the street. However, it will not permit you to park on the street anywhere within the closure areas.

More information about the permit and eligibility will be sent out around the beginning of December.

#### Public transport – buses, trains and ferries

We expect more people will use public transport during this time, so we will be running extra bus, train and ferry services to help get everyone in and out of the area easily. Some bus stops in Wynyard Quarter will temporarily shift due to road closures and ferry journeys will take longer due to speed restrictions on the water.

## Plan your journey

Make sure you plan your travel in advance, so you don't get into a race of your own. You can use the Journey Planner function in the AT Mobile App or on our website.

#### Taxis and rideshare services

Rideshare services such as Uber and Ola will be restricted from passing through the area. Taxis will be allowed through to wait at a dedicated taxi rank (location to be confirmed in early December).

Managed access will be provided for both taxis and rideshare services (Uber, Ola, Zoomy and Didi). Dedicated drop-off and pick-up locations will be provided. The locations of these spaces will be confirmed in early December.

#### **Emergency services**

Emergency services will still be able to get through road closures.

#### **Bikes and e-scooters**

Bikes and e-scooters will not be allowed through the race village; however, you will be allowed to travel along the closed roads up until that point. We will have two manned parks set up where you'll be able to leave your bike or e-scooter. You will find these at the Jellicoe Street carpark or on Hobson Street underneath the bridge.

# To receive public information and road changes updates from Auckland Transport email <u>americascup@at.govt.nz</u>

Sign up for America's Cup news, events and team updates at <a href="https://www.americascup.com/acws/auckland">https://www.americascup.com/acws/auckland</a>

## Contact Auckland Transport at 09 3553 553



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FAQ's

## Where can I find information about the races?

https://www.americascup.com/en/events

### What event information is available for my business?

https://www.aucklandnz.com/36th-americas-cup

## When will I know about transport planning for racing after December?

Planning is still underway, and our website will be updated once more information is available.

#### Why have road closures and parking restrictions?

Safety is at the heart of everything we do. By restricting parking and closing off roads in the area, we are making sure that spectators can watch the race day activities and not have to watch out for traffic. The measures we are putting in place are designed to keep everyone safe and tie-in with the event's resource consent. It's a win-win for us all.

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