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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUMMERNATS CITY CRUISE

The ACT Government today provided details about how people can safely enjoy the Summernats City Cruise at midday on Thursday 5 January 2012, as well as the temporary disruption it will cause to motorists and pedestrians.

The Cruise takes place between the Summernats entrance to Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC) off Federal Highway down Northbourne Avenue through to the intersection with London Circuit and then back to the starting point.

“The Summernats City Cruise, which is a convoy of 200 of the best vehicles from the event, promises to attract a wide range of Canberrans and visitors,” said Senior Manager, Traffic Management and Safety, Roads ACT, Rifaat Shoukallah.

“It is important the Cruise takes place safely so the Federal Highway and Northbourne Avenue will be closed in sections as the convoy passes. The Cruise will travel at 40 kilometres per hour with a police escort involving a lead car, trailing car and supporting motorcycles.

“Roads ACT will also coordinate the traffic lights for the Cruise to ensure it proceeds smoothly. Access will be provided to emergency service vehicles if necessary.

“The best vantage points are in the City and at the Summernats entrance near the old Shell service station site, Stirling Avenue, and the Federal Highway. These locations are where the vehicles will be travelling at their slowest so people have more of a chance to see them.

“There is also parking available in the City and parking is available at EPIC via Old Well Station Road, off Federal Highway.”

For public safety reasons, the public is not permitted to watch the Cruise from the central median strip on Northbourne Avenue or the Federal Highway. An alcohol ban is also in place along the Federal Highway and Northbourne Avenue for the duration of the Cruise.

Uniformed police officers will have a presence along the route to assist with crowd control. All road rules will apply for the event. Staff from the Road Transport Authority will be monitoring vehicles prior to their participation.

More information, including a Question and Answer document and a map showing the route and the best vantage and parking points, is available from www.tams.act.gov.au

If you have any questions, please contact Canberra Connect on 13 22 81. For more information on Summernats please visit www.summernats.com.au Updates on the convoy will be provided via the TAMS Twitter site @tamsmediaroom (www.twitter.com/tamsmediaroom)

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