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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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This will advise you that the D. C. Department of Transportation is engaged in a program of changing the traffic signs and street markings which denote a BUS PRIORITY LANE.

As you no doubt know, the existing bus lane signs are red, white and blue and are supplemented by separate panels which permit use of the lanes by bicycles, motorcycles, and taxicabs. New U.S. Department of Transportation standards call for replacing those signs nationally with black and white signs which incorporate a diamond symbol coupled with a similar white diamond in the roadway. A copy of these new signs is attached for your information.

With these new standards, it will not be practical to include "bicycles, taxicabs, motorcycles" and the other multiple uses on the sign message plate. Rather, the signs will read "restricted lane for buses" together with the appropriate hours. I would like to emphasize, however, that it will still be permissible for bicycles, taxicabs, and motorcycles to utilize these special priority lanes and that is the purpose of this letter to so advise you.

We are herewith notifying the Metropolitan Police Department and various bicycle, motorcycle, and taxicab representatives of this change. Should you have any question on this action, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN E. HARTLEY Assistant Director

Enclosure

