

Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation



DC Bus Priority Program

Important Information for For-Hire Vehicle Operators

Under Mayor Muriel Bowser's leadership, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is working to improve bus travel speeds and reliability across the District. Through the Bus Priority Program, DDOT is implementing Car Free Lanes in several of the District's busiest transit corridors. Signage, pavement markings, and red paint will designate the lanes as bus only.

Avoid Penalties

For-Hire Vehicles, including taxis and private for-hire vehicles (such as Uber, Lyft, Via, etc.), are not allowed to use Car Free Lanes, regardless of whether they are actively driving picking up or dropping off a passenger. These vehicles are prohibited from driving, stopping, or standing in these shared bus and bicycle lanes. For-Hire Vehicles are only allowed to enter a Car Free Lane to make a turn at an intersection or driveway, as permitted by signage.

The fine for unauthorized vehicles driving in a Car Free Lane is \$200.

Bus Priority Projects

As of July 2020, DDOT has installed or plans to install Car Free Lanes in the following corridors:

- H/I Street NW
- Georgia Avenue NW between Florida Avenue and Barry Place NW
- 7th Street NW between Pennsylvania Avenue NW and Massachusetts Avenue NW (Summer 2020)
- M Street SE Half Street SE to 10th Street SE (Summer 2020)
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE between W Street SE to St. Elizabeths East Campus (Summer 2020)
- 14th Street NW between Euclid and Newton Streets NW (Summer 2020)
- 16th Street NW between H Street NW and Arkansas Avenue NW (Fall 2020)

For more information about Car Free Lanes, please visit ddot.dc.gov/carfreelanes.

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