
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 446

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The City of Westminster (Trunk Roads)
Red Route (Bus Lanes) Traffic Order 1997**

Made - - - - - *24th February 1997*
Coming into force - - - - - *17th March 1997*

The Traffic Director for London, in accordance with a direction given to him by the Secretary of State for Transport under section 58(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1991⁽¹⁾ and in exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by section 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984⁽²⁾, and of all other enabling powers, hereby makes the following Order:—

Commencement and citation

1. This Order may be cited as the City of Westminster (Trunk Roads) Red Route (Bus Lanes) Traffic Order 1997, and shall come into force on 17th March 1997.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

- (a) a reference to an article followed by a number is a reference to the article of this order so numbered;
- (b) causing includes permitting;
- (c) “carriageway” has the same meaning as in section 329(1) of the Highways Act 1980⁽³⁾; and
- (d) “vehicle” includes part of a vehicle;
- (e) “bus”, “local bus”, “pedal cycle”, “taxi”, “bus lane”, “contra-flow” and “with-flow lane” have the meanings given in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 1994⁽⁴⁾;
- (f) “dial-a-ride bus” means a vehicle—

(1) 1991 c. 40.
(2) 1984 c. 27.
(3) 1980 c. 66.
(4) S.I.1994/1519.

- (i) displaying so as to be conspicuous on the outside of the vehicle a logo in a form approved by or with the authority of the Traffic Director for London and containing the words “dial-a-ride”; and
- (ii) constructed or adapted for the carriage of disabled persons and their companions and which is being used to provide a service for the carriage of such persons;
- (g) “times of operation” means, in relation to a length of road specified in an item in column (2) of the table in the schedule, the times specified in that item in column (3) of that table;
- (h) “permitted vehicles” means, in relation to a length of road specified in an item in column (2) of the table in the schedule, the vehicles specified in that item in column (5) of that table;
- (i) an entry in column (3), (4) or (5) of an item in the table in the schedule to this order applies to that column in subsequent items in that schedule.

Bus Lane Controls

3.—(1) No person shall cause a vehicle to be in a bus lane in a length of road specified in an item in column (2) of the table in the schedule to this order during the times specified in that item in column (3) of that item unless that vehicle is proceeding in the direction specified in column (4) of that item and is of a type specified in column (5) of that item.

(2) The controls specified in paragraph (1) of this article do not apply so as to prevent a vehicle stopping in a bus lane for as long as may be necessary—

- (a) to enable a person to get on or off the vehicle; or
- (b) to enable goods to be loaded on to or unloaded from the vehicle;

if and in so far as the activity is not prohibited by the provisions of any other order.

Exemptions

4.—(1) The controls specified in article 3(1) do not apply in respect of a vehicle which is being used for a purpose which is within the exemption to a restriction or prohibition imposed by any other order made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or which is permitted by any other order.

(2) The controls specified in article 3(1) do not apply in respect of a vehicle stopping in a bus lane if the vehicle is being used in—

- (a) the service of a local authority for the purpose of collecting refuse;
- (b) the pursuance of any statutory duty of the Post Office for the purpose of collecting or delivering letters provided the vehicle bears the Royal Mail livery;
- (c) connection with the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
- (d) connection with the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of any road;
- (e) connection with the maintenance, improvement or construction of any street furniture including bus stop infrastructure;
- (f) connection with any building operation or demolition;
- (g) connection with the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or near the bus lane of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity, or of any telecommunications apparatus as defined in paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 2 of the Telecommunications Act 1984⁽⁵⁾;

(5) 1984 c. 12.

if the vehicle cannot be used for that purpose without being in the bus lane and in so far as the activity is not prohibited by the provisions of any other order made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

- (3) The controls specified in article 3(1) do not apply in respect of—
- (a) a vehicle entering or stopping in a bus lane so as to avoid an accident;
 - (b) a vehicle entering or stopping in a bus lane to allow a person to get or give help in consequence of an accident or emergency or otherwise take action for public safety;
 - (c) a vehicle crossing a bus lane in order to get to or from any road adjacent to the bus lane or any vehicular access to premises adjacent to the bus lane;
 - (d) a vehicle being in a bus lane to such an extent and for such a time as is needed to comply with any requirement resulting from works or an emergency in any part of the road adjoining the bus lane;
 - (e) a vehicle being used for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes;
 - (f) a vehicle stopping in a bus lane if it has lawfully entered the bus lane and it has to stop—
 - (i) by law;
 - (ii) to avoid an accident;
 - (iii) in circumstances beyond the drivers control;
 - (g) anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform or a traffic warden.

Revocation or variation of existing Orders

5. The A41 Trunk Road (Camden and Westminster) Red Route (Bus Lanes) Experimental Traffic Order 1996⁽⁶⁾ is hereby revoked.

Signed in accordance with a direction from the Secretary of State for Transport.

24th February 1997

Derek Turner
Traffic Director for London

⁽⁶⁾ S.I. 1996/2165.

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SCHEDULE

Article 3

Table

<i>(1)</i> <i>Item</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Lengths of road</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Times of operation</i>	<i>(4)</i> <i>Direction of travel and type of bus lane</i>	<i>(5)</i> <i>Type of permitted vehicle</i>
1.	A41 Finchley Road—east side, between a point 1.5 metres north of the common boundary of Nos. 20 and 22 The Marlowes and a point 48.0 metres north of the north-western kerbline of Queen’s Grove.	7 am to 10 am Monday to Friday inclusive.	Southbound with-flow lane.	Bus Taxi Pedal cycle Dial-a-ride bus.
2.	A41 Finchley Road—west side, between a point 9.5 metres north of the southernmost wall of Nos. 36 and 38 Finchley Road and the borough boundary with the London Borough of Camden.	4 pm to 7 pm Monday to Friday inclusive.	Northbound with-flow lane.	
3.	A41 Dorset Square and Gloucester Place—west side, between a point opposite the common boundary of Nos. 3 and 4 Dorset Square and a point 1.0 metre north of the northern boundary of No. 207 Gloucester Place.			

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<i>(1) Item</i>	<i>(2) Lengths of road</i>	<i>(3) Times of operation</i>	<i>(4) Direction of travel and type of bus lane</i>	<i>(5) Type of permitted vehicle</i>
4.	The east side of the A41 carriageway immediately to the west of the triangular island site adjacent to the junction of Allsop Place, Baker Street, Clarence Gate and Park Road.	7 am to 10 am and 4 pm to 7 pm Monday to Friday inclusive.	Southbound with-flow lane.	
5.	A41 Baker Street—east side, between a point opposite the party wall of Nos. 241 and 243 Baker Street and a point 7.0 metres north of the northern kerbline of Melcombe Street.			
6.	A41 Park Road—south-west side, immediately to the north-east of the island site which lies opposite Nos. 7 to 19 Park Road, between a point 1.0 metre north-west of the party wall of Nos. 9 and 11 Park Road and a point 4.0 metres north-west of the party wall of Nos. 17 and 19 Park Road.	At any time.	North-westbound with-flow lane.	Bus Dial-a-ride bus.