



Transportation Research Board / HOV Systems Committee /
Arterial Applications Subcommittee
HOV Facilities on Arterials – Project Overview



City / Area	New York City
Road Jurisdiction (Owner)	New York City Departments of Transportation and Parks & Recreation
Road Name	West Drive (Central Park)
Land Use / Surroundings	Large recreational park in the midst of high-density Manhattan grid
Road Type / Function	Parkway / recreational route, also used by commuters
Type of Priority Treatment	HOV roadway
Description	Two lane two-way roadway reserved for HOVs during AM peak period
Design Features (Signs, Markings)	Bicycle lanes
Limits of Priority Treatment	Lenox Avenue – 7 th Avenue
Length of Priority Treatment	Approx. 3.5 miles / 5.5 km
How Implemented	HOV designation on pre-existing roadway
Cost	
Vehicle Eligibility	HOV 2+, emergency vehicles, taxis with a passenger, official / permitted vehicles with business in Central Park
Hours of Priority Operation	0700 – 1000 Monday – Friday
Penalty for Violation	
Connectivity	None
Usage	Majority of park road users were taxis prior to HOV restriction. No bus use.
Violation	
Enforcement	
Travel Time Savings / Benefits	
Date Opened	November 29, 2004
Changes Since Opening	
Promotion / Marketing	
Notes	Roadway open to all traffic 1500 – 1900 M – F, but closed to all traffic at other times (to allow walking / cycling use). Several park access points closed and speed limit reduced from 30mph to 25 mph as part of the initiative.
Source of Information	www.nyc.gov
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