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METRO CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

We have been attempting to pass along current information on the status of and immediate plans for construction changes on "D" Street. This apparently is a very optimistic goal because while we are writing up what the contractor tells us, he runs into an unforeseen construction problem, equipment breakdown, or other disruption which alters his schedule and operations accordingly. Just while we were preparing a rough schedule of events to be expected on "D" Street, we were notified that because of a change required in locating support piling, work would be shifted from the 6th to 7th Streets block of "D" over to "D" east of 7th Street, thus throwing out the plan just given to us. So it's "back to the drawing board!" We are trying now to obtain a new schedule of events based on this most recent change and will try to pass along that information while it's still accurate!

"D" STREET PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC

Please be aware that the former DOT Headquarters Building sidewalk on the south side of "D" Street is barred to pedestrian traffic. Occupants of the building can reach 6th or 7th Street from the Plaza area. Other pedestrians are expected to use the north side of "D" Street alongside the Reporters Building. The former Headquarters Building sidewalk is to be used for automobile traffic into the garage. This could be a dangerous situation if pedestrians ignore the posted signs.

REROUTING OF BUSES CAUSED BY CLOSING OF "D" STREET BETWEEN 6th AND 7th STREETS

The best information obtainable from the three area bus companies concerning the current effect of the "D" Street closure to through traffic between 6th and 7th Street and the removal of the former bus stops on that block of "D" Street is as follows:

METRO BUS (formerly D.C. Transit & WV&M) has rerouted all buses which formerly stopped on "D" Street between 6th and 7th to "E" Street. Leaving the SW terminal, they will travel east on "D" to 7th; south on 7th (with a stop in front of HUD) to "E"; east on "E" (with a stop on "E" just beyond 7th) to 6th; continue north on 6th and their normal routes.

AB&W and WMA buses which formerly stopped on "D" between 6th and 7th have been rerouted to "C" Street (inbound, the AB&W buses use Maryland Avenue). Leaving the SW terminal, those buses will travel east on "D" to 7th; north on 7th (with a stop in front of the Reporters Building) to "C"; east on "C" to 6th and then resume their normal route.

This information was obtained directly from the bus companies. None of the companies intend to issue any bulletins or rerouting information leaflets; nor could they assure us that further changes would not be necessary from time to time. For any specific routing information the numbers to call are:

METRO BUS (D.C. Transit & WV&M): 832-4300
AB&W: 549-7800
WMA: 584-3000

IT'S TAX FILING TIME

For your convenience, the Personnel Operations Division (OST) has secured a supply of 1972 Individual Income Tax forms for Federal, D.C., and the State of Maryland, plus the various schedules. Tax forms for the State of Virginia have been requested also and should be available soon. Any OST, FRA, or UMTA employee who needs tax forms may pick up such forms between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, in Room 9405, DOT Headquarters Building.

OST CHAMPION BLOOD DONOR TOPPED BY FHWA

In the September 15, 1972, issue of Southwest Seventh we stated that as far as we knew, the record for blood donations was held by an OST employee with 97 pints to his credit at that time. We just heard from Federal Highway Administration that an FHWA employee donated his 101st pint of blood on November 10, 1972. Top that one!

DON'T BE CARELESS--REMEMBER YOUR PARKING PERMIT!

A growing workload has been placed on the Parking Management Office during the morning rush hour by those employees--usually members of car pools--who forget their parking permits. This carelessness necessitates a check of the parking records to identify the driver, and his parking eligibility, followed by preparation of a temporary one-day permit. All this must be done while the individual waits for permission to park. The growing frequency of this situation has required that an additional employee be moved to the early shift--a very non-productive consumption of manpower. In an effort to curb this growing unconcern, Parking Management is being forced to take a more hard-nosed attitude. Five times is enough! Any car pool or other permit holder who arrives without his official parking permit more than five times in any given one-year period will be refused a temporary pass. This suspension will remain in effect one full year from the date of the first incident. For example--a parker who was afforded the temporary pass privilege five times, with the first time having been on January 19, will not be accommodated further until January 20, of the following year.

THE CENTRALIZED DOT WAREHOUSE IS IN THE PROCESS OF MOVING

DOT is giving up its warehouse space in Alexandria, Virginia. The new DOT warehouse is located at 1725-1735 15th Street, N. E., Washington, D. C. Warehouse supplies of paper stock, forms, and printed matter have already been moved from Building 159 at the Navy Yard. Administrative personal property and other paper stocks are being moved at this time from Alexandria. Completion of the move is expected by mid-February. Phone numbers at the new warehouse are: 386-6535 or 386-6536, or, from DOT Headquarters phones, use IDS Code 129 and 6535 or 6536.