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SPECIAL ROADS

The Motorways Traffic (M63 Motorway Slip Road at the Princess Parkway Interchange, Manchester) (Bus Lane) Regulations 1977

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>25th February 1977</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>10th March 1977</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>31st March 1977</i>

The Secretary of State for Transport in exercise of the powers conferred by section 13(2) and (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967(a), and now vested in him (b), and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 107(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motorways Traffic (M63 Motorway Slip Road at the Princess Parkway Interchange, Manchester) (Bus Lane) Regulations 1977 and shall come into operation on 31st March 1977.

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“bus lane” means the left-hand or near-side lane of the length of special road specified in the schedule to these Regulations;

“scheduled express carriage” means an express carriage, as defined in section 117 of the Road Traffic Act 1960 (as amended by the Public Services Vehicles (Definition of Express Carriage) Regulations 1971(c)), operated in accordance with a timetable attached as a condition to a road service licence issued under section 134 of the said Act of 1960, or to a permit granted under section 30 of the Transport Act 1968, or a vehicle operating a service in accordance with a timetable attached to an authorisation issued under Council Regulations (EEC) Nos. 516/72 or 517/72, both dated 28th February 1972;

“school bus” means a vehicle constructed or adapted to carry 12 or more passengers and being used to carry persons to or from a school as defined by section 114(1) of the Education Act 1944;

“stage carriage” has the same meaning as in section 117 of the Road Traffic Act 1960;

“works bus” means a vehicle constructed or adapted to carry 12 or more passengers which has been provided by an employer for the purpose of carrying persons employed by him or on his behalf to or from their place of employment and being used for such a purpose.

(a) 1967 c. 76.

(b) S.I. 1970/1681 (1970 III, p. 5551).

(c) S.I. 1971/1142 (1971 II, p. 3376).

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(a) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. Save as provided in Article 4 of these Regulations no person shall, except on the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform or of a traffic warden, cause or permit any vehicle other than a scheduled express carriage, a stage carriage, a school bus or a works bus to enter or proceed in the bus lane.

4. These Regulations shall not render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed or wait in the bus lane for so long as maybe necessary to enable the vehicle:—

- (i) to be used for the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
- (ii) to be used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes;
- (iii) to avoid or prevent an accident, or to give help required as a result of an accident, or to be used in other emergencies; or
- (iv) to be used (if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road) in connection with the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the said length of road or the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or near the said length of road of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telegraphic line as defined in the Telegraph Act 1878(b).

5. It is hereby declared that Regulation 11A of the Motorways Traffic Regulations 1959(c), which prohibits the use by certain vehicles in the right-hand or off-side lane of any length of carriageway of a motorway (as defined in Regulation 3 of those Regulations) which has three traffic lanes, shall not apply to the length of special road specified in the Schedule to these Regulations.

William Rodgers,
Secretary of State for Transport.

25th February 1977.

SCHEDULE

In the City of Manchester in the County of Greater Manchester.

The length of special road connecting the eastbound carriageway of the M63 Motorway to the southbound carriageway of Princess Parkway (A5103) from the point where the said special road is joined by the slip road to Princess Parkway (A5103) southwards to the point where it joins Princess Parkway.

(a) 1889 c. 63.

(b) 1878 c. 76

(c) S.I. 1959/1147 (1959 II, p. 2507) as amended by S.I. 1971/1087 (1971 II, p. 3225).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

Regulation 3 provides that, except in the cases specified in Regulation 4, vehicles other than a scheduled express carriage, a school bus, a stage carriage and a works bus shall not enter, wait or proceed in the left-hand or near-side lane of the length of special road specified in the Schedule to these Regulations.

Under Regulation 5 the provisions of the Motorway Traffic Regulations 1959 (as amended) which restrict certain vehicles from using the right-hand or on-side lane of a carriageway which has three or more traffic lanes will not apply to the length of special road specified in the Schedule to these Regulations.