

ROMANIA
MINISTER OF ADMINISTRATION AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS
DIRECTION OF GENERAL POLICE
POLICE TRAFFIC DIVISION

Not secret
Bucharest
No: 579643 from 03.04.2012

For
OPTAR (Organization for Promoting Alternative Transport in Romania)

Regarding your petition addressed to the Police Traffic Division Bucharest, registered under the number above, through which you request information regarding the measurements taken for the maintenance of the cycle lanes, we communicate the following:

The deficiencies of road signaling, the incomplete signaling, as well as the existence of obstacles on the cycle lanes were brought to the attention of local public administrations by our institution and, according to the law, they have the obligation to remedy the determined shortcomings. Also, our institution solicited for the Streets Administration to review the possibility of moving the cycle lanes on the roadway in the areas where, although the cycle lanes are set on the sidewalks, they are unfitted to be used due to the existing obstacles.

Since these obstacles (kiosks, pedestrians platforms, seasonal terraces, outdoor advertising panels) were built on the basis of building approvals issued by the local public administration, the traffic police cannot sanction the beneficiaries nor invalidate the building permits.

For the establishing of the contraventions mentioned at art. 105 paragraph (1) point 2 and point 20 from the Government Emergency Ordinance nr. 195/2002 about the circulation on the public roads, with the further modifications and completions, it is necessary to retain in the task of the responsible authority the guilt of committing the deed. This condition of existence of the contravention cannot be met, since the local public administration, in its initiatives to develop and maintain the traffic improvements, is delayed or stopped by the budget deficiencies or the ponderous procedures of purchasing different services.

Following the rechecking of the viability of the cycle lanes, on the 29th of March 2012, the Police Traffic Division ordered the restriction of the traffic of the bicycles and mopeds on both sidewalks of Dimitrie Cantemir Blvd., between Gheorghe Șincai Blvd. and Mărășești Blvd. and the temporary shutting down of the cycle lane until safe circulation for pedestrians and bicyclists can be established.

Also, we inform you that for the cycle lanes situated on the sidewalks of Carol I Blvd., Regina Elisabeta Blvd. and Mihail Kogălniceanu Blvd., the section between 21st December 1989 Square and Operei Square, the restriction of circulation for bicycles and mopeds has been ordered.

All the employees of the institution that have the quality of inspectors are involved into checking the state of viability of the cycle lanes.

Respectfully yours,
Chief of Police Traffic Division,
Police chief officer
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