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For  
OPTAR (Organisation for Promoting Alternative Transport in Romania)

For the attention of Mr. Marian Ivan

As a reply to your petition, sent to the Police Traffic Division on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2012, by which you highlight the state of unsafety for those involved in the traffic, caused by the inadequate infrastructure put at the disposal of cyclists and pedestrians on Stefan cel Mare Road, between Calea Dorobanti / Dorobanti Path and Obor Square/ Piata Obor and you demand the temporary suppression of this traffic establishment and the contraventional sanction of the administrator of the public road, we inform you the following:

After inspecting the issues mentioned in your notice in reference to the cycling path located on the Stefan cel Mare Road, between calea Dorobanti / Dorobanti Path and Obor Square / Piata Obor, there has been found a series of deficiencies when it comes to the signalization of the road and the obstacles which make it impracticable and endanger the life of cyclists and pedestrians. Thus, it has been observed that on large sections of this route there is not enough space for the circulation of the pedestrians, the markings for the cycling path are damaged or nonexistent, the sidewalk borders have not been lowered in the area of the intersections between the cycling path and the lateral arteries of Stefan cel Mare Road, the signalization with indicators is incomplete, little protection piers are missing.

Taking into consideration the above mentioned facts, in accordance with the stipulations of the 5<sup>th</sup> article, 9<sup>th</sup> paragraph, from the Emergency Rule of the Government no. no. 195/2002 regarding the circulation on public roads, republished with the amendments and ulterior insertions, in which it is mentioned that: "In the intention of ensuring the safe circulation on public roads, the Traffic Police may demand the administrator of the public roads the execution, or, if it is required, the abolition of traffic establishments", The Police Traffic Division has disposed the temporary abolition, until the reparation of the highlighted problems, of the cycling path section located on Stefan cel Mare Road, through the address no/ 570.212/03.08.2012, rendered to the Road Administration.

At the same time, we inform you that, as we have been made aware by the Road Administration, this Institution has initiated the procedure of the attribution of a execution contract of the horizontal and vertical road signalization, thus making it impossible to install road indicators or road markings until the finalization of the procedure. Under these circumstances, we

have demanded that in a period of 15 days after the assignation of the contract, to take measures in accordance with the 33<sup>rd</sup> article, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph from the E.R.G. no. 195/2002 in order to install road indicators with the note "Bicycles are not allowed" at the beginning of this cycling path section as well as at all intersection points of the path with the lateral arteries. In addition, we have demanded the reallocation of coercing road signs specific for cycling paths "Cycling path", "Demarcation of cycling and pedestrian paths" and "Common cycling and pedestrian path" until the suppression of the deficiencies so that cyclists will not be forced to use the cycling paths unsuitable for circulation.

Regarding the administrator of the public roads contraventional sanction, we inform you that, as the Streets Administration has at this moment no means to purchase and install road signs or to execute markings, the responsible authority cannot be blamed on committing the offense.

The Police Traffic Division will continue to verify the cycle paths on which cycling is inadequate, and for the approval of future cycle paths, proposed to be built on Bucharest's main roads, will consult the members of the Working Group organized within Bucharest City Hall, aiming to find and implement optimal solutions for providing safe traffic.

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