Memorandum

: District Traffic Engineers

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From : DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Transportation Operations and Toll Bridges/Division of Traffic Engineering

Subject:
"Prepare to Stop" Signs at Signalized Intersections

Studies indicate that use of active narrative signs that say "Prepare to Stop", or variations of this message, are generally not effective warning devices for motorists approaching a signalized intersection. Accident statistics do not indicate any reduction in accidents when these "Prepare to Stop" signs are installed or, conversely, any increase in accidents when such signs are removed.

Therefore:

- No new installations of active "Prepare to Stop" signs, or variations of this message, should be made; and
- Existing installations should be reviewed to see if other treatment is more appropriate.

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