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<u>City of Boston Traffic Advisory</u> Traffic Change on Avenue de Lafayette Effective Tonight

The Boston Transportation Department is advising drivers that, effective this evening, Avenue de Lafayette in Downtown Boston, from Chauncy Street to Harrison Avenue Extension will become a two-way street. Avenue de Lafayette from Harrison Avenue Extension to Washington Street is already a two-way street. The change is being made in cooperation with the Downtown Boston Business Improvement District and other local interests to improve traffic circulation in the area.

New traffic signal equipment, signs and pavement markings will be in place to instruct drivers of the new traffic pattern. The change is expected to reduce the number of vehicles that inadvertently enter the Downtown Crossing pedestrian only zone, provide easier highway and Greenway access to drivers leaving Hayward Place, and decrease the incidence of drivers using the Hyatt Hotel parking garage as a cut-through to access Chauncy Street.

The Boston Transportation Department will monitor the effects of this change on local streets and make modifications as necessary.

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