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The
ROOKIE'S
GUIDE
to
BOSTON

No way

A rookie's guide
to driving

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Forget everything they taught you in driver's ed. The rules of the road don't apply here. Boston motorists drive like Popeye Doyle on amphetamines. Like Mad Max in a rented car. The passing lanes are for right-hand turns. The breakdown lanes are for passing. Try to stop, actually stop, at a stop sign and you've got a Camaro in your back seat. Give a hand signal and you get one back. Well, a fifth of one, anyway. It's hockey on wheels, and you're the puck. Take our one-way streets. One-way or the other.

Beacon Street is one-way (inbound) from Park Street to Tremont Street; two-way from Park to Charles; one-way (outbound) from Charles Street to Arlington Street; two-way from Arlington Street to Embankment Road (about 150 feet); one-way (outbound) from Embankment Road to Kenmore Square; and two-way from the square to the city limits.

Boylston Street is one-way (inbound) from Tremont to Washington; two-way from Tremont to Charles; one-way (inbound) from Charles to Dalton Street; two-way from Dalton Street to Charlesgate East; one-way (inbound) from Charlesgate West to Charlesgate East; and two-way from Charlesgate West to the city limits.

Washington Street is one-way (inbound), no-way*, one-way (inbound), two-way, one-way (inbound), two-way, one-way (outbound), two-way, one-way (inbound), and two-way from there. The street names don't matter. □

*Closed to vehicular traffic from Temple Place to Franklin Street (except taxis and commercial vehicles, between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m.).