

	<b>Title:</b> Change DOTpriority
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**Change the present priority of the DOT and all agencies that deal with regulations of street use to the proper priority for traffic which is:**

- 1. Pedestrian Safety**
- 2. Emergency Vehicles**
- 3. Mass Transit**
- 4. Bicycle (non motorized)**
- 5. Commercial (includes medallion taxis)**
- 6. All other**

The movement of emergency vehicles has long been recognized as an essential purpose of streets—even the first traffic rules written by Phelps Eno and passed into law in 1903 recognized the importance of giving priority to emergency vehicles.

The city agency currently responsible for traffic control on our streets is the Department of Transportation . The DOT in a sense controls the streets of New York City yet their #1 priority is to facilitate the movement of cars and not to protect pedestrians. Most people never think about this but the moment you do, you realize how absurd it is. The #1 priority of any agency that has defacto legal responsibility of street use should be the safety of the people that use the streets not the movement of vehicles on our streets. It is time for the DOT and all city agencies to change their philosophy of street use and make pedestrian safety their number #1 priority.