



U.S. Department of  
Transportation

Office of the Secretary  
of Transportation

# ORDER

DOT 3733.1A

10-19-87

Subject: RESTRICTED USE OF DOT BUILDINGS/FACILITIES/PROPERTY  
FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES, CAMPAIGNING AND SOLICITATION

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1. PURPOSE. To provide guidance on the restrictive use of Department of Transportation (DOT) buildings, facilities or properties for political purposes such as campaigning, soliciting, or similar activities.
2. CANCELLATION. DOT 3733.1, RESTRICTED USE OF DOT BUILDINGS/FACILITIES/PROPERTY FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES, CAMPAIGNING AND SOLICITATION, dated 11/18/82.
3. REFERENCES.
  - a. Federal Property Management Regulation (FPMR) 101-20.308, "Soliciting, Vending, and Debt Collection," prohibits political soliciting on General Services Administration (GSA) controlled property.
  - b. FPMR 101-20.309, "Distribution of Handbills," prohibits posting or affixing materials such as pamphlets, handbills, or flyers on bulletin boards or elsewhere on GSA-controlled property unless it is as part of an authorized Government activity as defined by FPMR 101-20.308. It also limits the permissible posting to public areas.
  - c. FPMR 101-20.708, "Posting of Notices and Information Bulletins," further defines permissible postings which do not include political postings.
  - d. 18 U.S.C. 602 - imposes fines, imprisonment, or both for an officer, employee, candidate for Congress, or Congressional member, delegate, or commissioner who solicits a contribution to a Federal election campaign from an officer or employee.
  - e. 18 U.S.C. 603 - imposes fines, imprisonment, or both for an officer or employee who makes a contribution to a Federal election campaign to that officer's or employee's employer.
  - f. 18 U.S.C. 607 - imposes fines, imprisonment, or both for any person who solicits or receives a contribution to a Federal election campaign in any room or building that is occupied by an officer or employee or Congressional member, delegate, or commissioner in the discharge of their official duties.

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4. POLICY. In accordance with the cited references, it is the Department's policy to deny access to Federally owned or leased buildings, facilities or properties which are under DOT jurisdiction or control, and to space assigned to DOT by GSA, when the purpose is to campaign for public office or other political purposes.

This Order does not pertain to public areas in public buildings under the jurisdiction and control of GSA.

FOR THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION



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