Checklist for Older Drivers

- **Part I** lists points seniors should review when considering continued driving.
- **Part II** covers points seniors should evaluate when considering reduced driving.

Part I: Checkpoints for Continuing to Drive

- ❑ Driver license current?
- ❑ Vision and corrective lenses adequate for driving, including night driving?
- ❑ Hearing adequate?
- ❑ Senior safe driver course completed within prior 24 months?
- ❑ Insurance coverage adequate?
- ❑ Insurance premiums paid?
- ❑ Car(s) properly licensed?
- ❑ Car(s) in good working order?
  - ❑ brakes
  - ❑ engine idle and accelerator linkage
  - ❑ seatbelts
  - ❑ tires
  - ❑ brake pedal, accelerator pedal, and floor mats
  - ❑ mirrors properly adjusted
- ❑ Possible additional safety equipment:
  - ❑ center-mounted brake light
  - ❑ backup warning buzzer
  - ❑ emergency kit
- ❑ Automobile club membership?

Notes

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Part II: Checkpoints for Reducing Use of Car

- ❑ Driver comfort—do physical limitations make driving uncomfortable or unsafe?
- ❑ Driver stress—are you anxious or confused while driving?
- ❑ Driver performance—have there been recent moving violations or accidents?
- ❑ Car costs—do total automobile expenses (insurance, license, upkeep, gas, parking) exceed costs of other alternatives?
- ❑ Possible driving modifications:
  - ❑ no night driving
  - ❑ no rush hour driving
  - ❑ no freeway driving
  - ❑ no driving in snow or dangerous conditions
  - ❑ combine use of car and bus (park-and-ride)
  - ❑ ride sharing
- ❑ Alternatives to continued driving:
  - ❑ senior transit pass
  - ❑ community vans
  - ❑ taxi coupons
  - ❑ home delivered products—groceries, prescriptions, etc.
  - ❑ increased use of telephone and e-mail
  - ❑ use of chore service workers or volunteers for errands

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