

ATTACHMENT G

WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

2009-2010 WINTER MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

RC09-247 "Veigel moved, Fuller seconded that upon the recommendation of the Director of Operations and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves the 2009/2010 Winter Maintenance Guidelines."

Voice Vote: YEAS: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

In order to plan winter maintenance for all public roads within Washtenaw County, it is recommended that the following be adopted as Road Commission Guidelines for the winter season of 2009/2010.

- A. Winter maintenance operations will be conducted based on a priority system established on the County and State Trunkline roads. The priorities primarily have been established based on traffic volumes.

Priority 1 – State Trunklines

Priority 2 – High volume hard surface roads

Priority 3 – Medium volume hard surface roads

Priority 4 – Subdivision streets

Priority 5 – Gravel Roads

- B. The scheduling of overtime depends on a variety of factors including: road conditions, weather forecasts, nature of the storm, time of storm, etc. The following general guidelines will prevail:

Priority 1, 2 and 3 Routes – Overtime may only be authorized by the Superintendent of Maintenance or his designee as necessary.

Priority 4 and 5 Routes – Overtime may only be authorized by the Managing Director or his designee after a four (4) inch accumulation of snow, an ice storm or blowing and drifting snow which interferes with the flow of vehicular traffic.

Shop – Overtime may be authorized by the Director of Operations as necessary to keep equipment in good working condition.

- C. The Road Commission will monitor the Internet weather sites and local radio broadcasts for daily and emergency weather reporting conditions.
- D. The Director of Operations and Superintendent of Maintenance will present these guidelines at the annual meeting of the Snow Emergency Council held at the Washtenaw County Emergency Operations Center in late October/early November.

The Snow Emergency Council is comprised of concerned public service agencies operating within Washtenaw County. These include, but are not limited to, Road Commission, MDOT and municipal street departments, news media, school districts, fire and police departments, and Emergency Management. The purpose of establishing the Council is to coordinate emergency response of public service agencies when winter weather may threaten the health and safety of the public.

- E. The hiring of outside contractors may be authorized by the Managing Director or his designee, based on the following:
1. Forecasted storm conditions.
 2. The condition of the road system at the time of decision.
 3. The status of crews and equipment at the time of decision.

The Operations Division shall:

- a. Develop a ready list of contractors to be called in the event they are required.
 - b. Develop and maintain maps and routes so contractor assignments may be properly made and the work inspected.
- F. Crews normally assigned to State Trunklines may be used on County Primary and Local Roads after State Trunklines have been cleared countywide.
- G. Night Patrol will begin late November, 2009 and continue through approximately mid March, 2010. Night Patrol consists of a four-person crew that is on duty from 8:00 p.m. until 4:30 a.m., five days a week, and responds to ice and snow conditions on State Trunklines. This crew is funded in total by the Michigan Department of Transportation. In isolated cases, the crew can perform winter maintenance on County roads, at the Road Commission's expense.
- H. If another storm starts before clean up on priority routes #4 and #5 have been completed, crews will return to priority #1, #2 and #3.