

Plowing, salting roads a \$4 million job in Oakland

Snowplowing and salting of freeways, main roads and subdivision streets this winter by the Oakland County Road Commission is expected to be "as usual."

"Providing for safe travel remains our top priority, and that means snow and ice control on our heavily traveled routes in this county of one million people will continue to come first," said Chairman John R. Gnaou Jr.

"We will continue to staff high-volume critical routes, including freeways, at the expectation of adverse conditions and continue on them until safe travel is assured. This generally requires a minimum of 75 percent bare pavement."

"We will continue to staff medium-to-high volume routes, such as most paved mile roads, when adverse conditions occur and remain on them until safe travel is assured. This generally requires at least bare wheel tracks."

"We have early morning crews on duty in the urban area of the county so that these routes can be serviced economically prior to rush hour, but they also will be serviced on overtime when necessary."

"RESPONDENTS to a questionnaire in our annual report this year rated our snow and ice control operations very highly. We believe a major reason is the efforts of the early morning — or

"third shift" — crews.

"We have always attempted to service the critical and priority routes early enough to have them safe for the rush hour, and the 'third shift' crews have really helped," said Gnaou.

Under a contract with the State Highway Department, the road commission maintains 251 miles of state highways, which include freeways and "I," "US" and "M" numbered routes such as Telegraph, Woodward, Lapeer Road and Highland Road.

The road commission also has 2,572 miles of its own roads and streets, including 1,101 miles of subdivision streets in townships.

"Subdivision streets will continue to

be serviced only after those objectives are met and only at regular-time costs. After heavy snowfalls, a single lane may be plowed through all subdivision streets before a second pass is made in any," he said.

The road commission has never staffed or equipped to provide immediate snow and ice control on all roads and streets on the same priority.

THE ROAD commission divides its approximately 1,000 miles of paved critical and priority highways and roads into 84 "salt routes." All 91 dump trucks in the fleet are equipped to both salt and plow. In heavy snow plowing conditions, the road commission also

employs its 27 road graders.

Road crew strength this winter will be greater than last winter, thanks to restoration of state-collected vehicle fuel and registration taxes that provide the basic source of road funding.

De-icing road salt supplies will be no problem, Gnaou predicted. He said, "We presently have two-thirds of a normal winter's needs stockpiled. This has proven sufficient to keep ahead of the replenishment deliveries during each of the past three seasons."

IN THE "HARD" winter of 1981-82, 41 percent more salt than normal was required. Salt use during the "easy" winter of 1982-83 was about half of

normal. The cost of 48,000 tons of road de-icing normally required is about \$1 million.

The road commission stockpiles 32,000 tons of road de-icing salt under covers at its six garage locations spotted around the county: in Milford Township, Springfield Township, Orion Township, Waterford Township, Troy and Southfield.

Winter snow and ice control operations normally cost \$4 million, including overhead. Portions of that cost required for state highways is reimbursed to the road commission by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

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