

RESOLUTION NO. 96-5

SNOW REMOVAL AND SANDING POLICY FOR BOISE COUNTY

WHEREAS, it is the general policy for Boise County Road Department to maintain the roads on the Boise County road system in as safe a condition as possible during winter months, depending upon available budget, manpower and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the adequacy of this policy is also dependent upon variables not within the control of Boise County such as weather conditions and the capabilities of the travelling public who must prepare for winter driving through prudent operating practices, use of winter tires or chains, and adequate vehicle maintenance; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is intended to set general policy, not to forbid exercise of judgement by field supervisors or personnel,

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the Commissioners of Boise County, Idaho, as follows:

That the first priority of the Boise County Road Department is the removal of snow, and the second priority is sanding; a system of sub-priorities has been set up as guidelines to aid foremen in making decisions, as follows:

- 1st Priority Heaviest traffic routes and danger spots such as steep grades, sharp curves with significant traffic levels, busy intersections, well-travelled bridges, arterials and approaches travelled by school buses and most primary routes.

- 2nd Priority Medium to heavily travelled sections of highway on primary and collector systems, including routes travelled by commuters.

- 3rd Priority Lighter travelled sections of highway including collector and local roads and roads serving winter recreation areas.

That snow removal operations will generally begin as soon as needed with snow to be plowed from roadways to provide two-way traffic as soon as practicable. Additional clearing of roadway shoulders and intersections may be performed after the initial snow removal operations have been completed; and

That Boise County does not permit parking on county road easements, school bus turn around areas or on the roadway. Vehicles so parked are subject to towing; and

That the Road Department should place primary efforts on clearing travel ways and will not be responsible for the berm of snow left in driveways due to the plowing actions of a snowblade; and

That sanding will not be performed until the roadway has been plowed. Use of sand will be limited to steep roadway grades, at intersections, on overhead structures, and in other areas determined by the Department to be hazardous. It will not be standard policy to sand straight stretches of highway because of a snow floor; and

The Road Department shall not remove snow from private driveways and/or private property.

That operators of motor vehicles and equipment while on duty should not operate same for a continuous period of more than 10 hours, nor should the combined duty period exceed 12 hours in any 24 hour period without at least 8 consecutive hour of rest. The 24 hour period is defined as starting at 0000 (midnight).

That Boise County reserves the right to make changes in priorities and levels of service upon available budget resources as well as weather and road conditions.


ADOPTED as a Resolution at the regular meeting of Boise County on the 26th day of February, 1996, upon a motion made by John N Dyer, seconded by Harold Raper upon which the following roll call vote was had:

Dyer (aye) or nay)

Donley (aye) or nay)

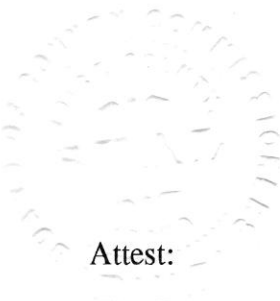
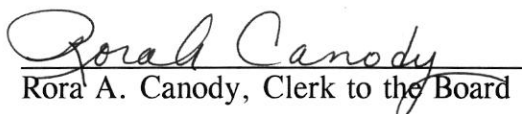
Raper (aye) or nay)

Boise County



John N. Dyer, Chairman of the Board

Attest:

Rora A. Canody, Clerk to the Board