

I put forth an order tonight and I welcome any and all who wish to sign on.

Order: That the City Clerk request that DCR (Department of Conservation & Recreation) Re-categorize the snow removal for their properties in Somerville from priority 3 to priority 2.

#10 on the agenda

[HTTP://MAPS.MASSGIS.STATE.MA.US/MAP\\_01/dcr\\_snow\\_priority.php](HTTP://MAPS.MASSGIS.STATE.MA.US/MAP_01/dcr_snow_priority.php)

#### Overview of DCR Winter Storm Management Plan

DCR follows a comprehensive Storm Management Plan for the snow and ice season that:

- clarifies locations for which DCR has snow removal responsibility
- identifies available snow removal resources
- affirms the chain of responsibility and procedures for inter- and intra-agency communications
- establishes operating procedures and policies.

<HTTP://WWW.MASS.GOV/DCR/WINTERSTORMPLAN.HTM>

#### Snow Removal Priorities

All snow removal locations are prioritized according to the following categories:

##### Level 1 (during storm event):

Primary roadways and parkways\*

State Police barracks

Traffic bridges

Potential flood zones

Designated sidewalks, pathways\*\*, and crosswalks which provide safe passage in the immediate proximity to schools while in-session.

##### Level 2 (dedication of snow removal resources within first 12 hours after storm event):

Secondary roadways and parkways

State House passage and street parking

Sidewalks, pathways\*\* and crosswalks providing safe passages to schools, foot bridges, bus shelters, bus stops, T-stations, including median strips and handicap ramps

**Level 3 (snow removal response may occur beyond first 12 hours after storm event):**

DCR-managed ice skating rinks parking lots (12), if open

Interior park roads and tertiary parkways

DCR facilities and building parking lots

Less traveled sidewalks, pathways, crosswalks and multi-use paths\*\*:

These less traveled sidewalks, cross walks and multi-use paths may be cleared as specific public safety needs warrant. As resources allow, DCR will attempt to address Level 3 priorities by focusing on sidewalks without immediate abutters. DCR anticipates the continued cooperation from abutters in clearing the remainder of Level 3 priority sidewalks consistent with municipal ordinances within the metropolitan Boston area.

***\*\* (Note: The sidewalk category symbol on the DCR online viewer includes sidewalks, pathways and multi-use paths parallel to parkways and the South West Corridor Bike Path and the Charles River Bike Paths.)***

**Level 4**

\* All parkways under Mass Highway responsibility are considered priority level 1 parkways, but are coded in the GIS system as "4" for technical purposes.

**Level 5**

Many sidewalks and multi-use paths are not cleared by DCR in order to provide alternative winter recreational resources, such as, skiing and snowshoeing.

I just don't understand how McGrath Highway can be categorized as a Priority 3 when the sidewalks that run along it clearly provide safe passages to schools, foot bridges, bus shelters, bus stops, T-stations, including median strips and handicap ramps as stated in the defined above.