

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](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.