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City of Cambridge Snow Operations Continue into the Weekend

Public Schools and City Buildings Re-open Thursday, January 29

Cambridge, MA—Jan. 27, 2015 —As Cambridge Public Schools and City offices prepare to reopen on Thursday, January 28, the Department of Public Works (DPW) will be continuing snow operations well into the weekend.

While the citywide Snow Emergency Parking Ban was lifted at 4 pm today, there are still many streets that will be marked with temporary “No Parking” signs. Because of the total accumulations received during the blizzard, there are still many streets that—while passable to motor vehicle traffic—would be impassable to emergency vehicles and MBTA buses if parking were restored at this point. Residents and visitors are encouraged to check posted signs regularly in order to avoid being ticketed and towed. The City will continue to monitor the need for these signs, and will take them down as soon as it is safe to do so.

Regardless of whether a street has a parking restriction in place, any vehicle parked so far from the curb as to obstruct the safe flow of traffic is subject to ticketing and towing. Drivers should use their best judgment when considering whether to park in areas where large snow piles are still alongside the curb, to ensure they do not block the flow of traffic.

The City will begin snow clearing and removal along high volume bus routes on Thursday evening. These routes include approximately 200 MBTA bus stops, nearly 2/3 of the total in the city. All bus stops, crosswalks, and ramps along these routes will be cleared of snow and ice. Crews can work quickly and efficiently during nighttime hours as pedestrian, cyclist, and motor vehicle traffic are extremely low.

This work requires the use of heavy equipment, and will take several nights to complete. Crews appreciate the public’s patience as the City works to ensure safe, accessible travel for all users.

Nighttime clearing routes for bus stops, crosswalks, and ramps include:

- Cambridge Street- Lechmere station to the Cambridge Common
- Massachusetts Avenue - Memorial Drive to the Arlington Line
- Concord Avenue - Cambridge Common to Fresh Pond Parkway
- Mt. Auburn Street - Belmont line to Massachusetts Ave Western Avenue
- River Street
- Huron Avenue – Concord Avenue to Fresh Pond Parkway
- Rindge Avenue
- Broadway
- Prospect Street- Cambridge Street to Massachusetts Avenue
- Pearl Street
- Brookline Street
- Green Street- Brookline Street to Western Avenue
- Granite Street
- Aberdeen Avenue

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Residents with questions about snow removal operations can contact the Department of Public Works at 617-349-4800. Inquiries regarding traffic and parking can be addressed by calling the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department at 617-349-4700.

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