



MANAGER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 6, 2012
GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESPONSES TO MAYOR & COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

Places to be this Week...

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 – The Village Council meeting will be held in the Village Council Chambers at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 11, 2012 – Mayor Tully will present the State of the Village address at the Chamber of Commerce breakfast from 7:30 am to 9:00 am at the DoubleTree

Future Calendar Reminders...

Wednesday, January 25, 2012 – The DuPage Mayors and Manager's Conference will hold its 2012 Legislative Reception and Dinner at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Electronics Landfill Ban – At the January 3 Council meeting, the Council inquired about the procedures that Republic Services will use if residents leave banned electronics at the curb for pickup. Republic will not pick up these items. Instead, the route driver will leave a note on the item that explains the law and asks the resident to call Republic's customer service line for additional details.

State of Illinois Bond Rating – Moody's Investors Services announced Friday that it has downgraded the State of Illinois' general obligation bond rating from A1 to A2. Moody's also changed the State's outlook from stable to negative. Problems cited by Moody's included the on-going unfunded pension liability and the deferral of payments to manage cash flows. Based on previous discussions with the Village's financial advisers, staff believes that this will add an additional 10 to 20 basis points onto interest rates for municipal bonds issued by Illinois municipalities.

Surface Transportation Program - The DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, which allocates federal surface transportation funding for the DuPage County region, informed the Village in December that the following resurfacing projects have been approved for funding:

- Main Street from Maple Avenue to 55th Street
- Fairview Avenue from 55th Street to 75th Street
- Dunham Road from 55th Street to 63rd Street

Additionally, funding was approved for improvements for the intersection of 55th Street and Fairview Avenue. The letter confirming the funding is attached.

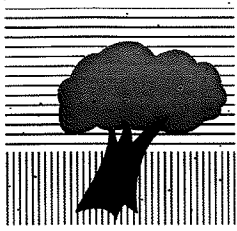
Review of 2011/12 Season – Unlike the past several winters, there has been significantly less, only 1.5 total inches of snow has fallen so far this season, which is significantly less than the average. Village crews have been mobilized five times with the first event taking place on December 8 and the most recent on January 2. A summary of this season's snow events is as follows:

- December 8, 2011 – 0.25 inches of snow
- December 17, 2011 – 0.5 inches of snow
- December 29, 2011 – 0.75 inches of snow
- December 30, 2011 – Freezing Rain
- January 2, 2012 – Freezing Rain

In responding to these events, the Village has used 289 tons of salt, an average of about 58 tons per event. None of the events have required plowing. An overview of the Village's snow removal and ice control program is provided as an attachment.

ATTACHMENTS

Letter confirming DMMC allocation of Surface Transportation Program funds
Overview of Village Snow Removal and Ice Control Program



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Date: December 12, 2011

To: Andrew J. Sikich, P.E., Assistant Director of Public Works
Village of Downers Grove

From: Mike Albin
Transportation Project Manager

Re: FY 12-17 Surface Transportation Program (STP)

This memo is to confirm that the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference has **approved** the following projects as guaranteed projects in the FY 12-17 Surface Transportation Program:

- Main Street LAPP (Maple Avenue to 55th Street), in the amount (in thousands) of: \$175 (total) / **\$123 (federal)**. The TIP ID for the project will be 08-12-0024
- Fairview Avenue LAPP (55th Street to 75th Street), in the amount (in thousands) of: \$1,300 (total) / **\$650 (federal)**. The TIP ID for the project will be 08-12-0027
- Dunham Road LAPP (55th Street to 63rd Street), in the amount (in thousands) of: \$400 (total) / **\$280 (federal)**. The TIP ID for the project will be 08-12-0032
- 55th Street and Fairview Avenue Intersection Improvement, in the amount (in thousands) of: \$900 (total) / **\$630 (federal)**. The TIP ID for the project will be 08-12-0022.

Under Conference policies, you will have until September 30, 2017 to bring the project to a bid letting or risk losing the funding. I will be contacting you in the near future to discuss the project schedule and set a target letting date.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (630) 571-0480, x. 222 or via email at malbin@dmmc-cog.org. Thank you for your continued participation in the Conference STP Program.

Cc: Martin Tully, Mayor
David Fieldman, Manager

Overview of Snow Removal and Ice Control Program

The goals of the Village's snow removal and ice control program are:

- to maintain safe travel routes during and following snowstorms;
- to restore mobility for the traveling public within a reasonable time frame following an event; and
- to provide a service level of bare pavement on all streets.

Under normal conditions, salting without plowing is sufficient to melt up to 1.5 inches of snow on our roadways. Salt spreaders are calibrated for specific pounds per lane mile and are set to minimize salt bouncing from the roadway. We also pre-treat our salt stockpile with Geomelt (beet juice) which improves its effectiveness and minimizes its environmental impact. Salting occurs whenever there are icy conditions.

Snow plowing occurs when the accumulation of snow on streets exceeds one and a half inches (1.5") to two inches (2.0") and is conducted according to a priority classification described below. This classification was established according to a roadway's average daily traffic volume.

Priority 1

Primary roadways are roadways with the highest traffic volume, roadways adjacent to schools, and roadways leading to Good Samaritan Hospital. Priority 1 streets have an average daily traffic of 2,000 to 10,000 cars, with a few as high as 20,000 cars. These are roadways generally considered arterial and collector roadways.

Priority 2

All other secondary roadways with average daily traffic of 200 to 1,999 cars.

Priority 3

Cul-de-sacs and dead-ends with average daily traffic of less than 200 cars. Staff will begin work to complete all Priority 3 areas as operations continue on Priority 2 areas with a goal of completing all priority areas as early as possible.

For Priority 1 and Priority 2 roadways the target is to have bare pavement within twelve (12) hours after the storm's completion. For Priority 3 roadways the target is to have bare pavement within eighteen (18) hours after the storm's completion.

During and after the storm's completion it is not uncommon that some streets become snow packed as a result of wind and drifting conditions, and as a result of vehicular traffic prior to snow plowing. All attempts are made to reduce snow pack situations through applications of salt and additional plowing. Snow accumulations that impair motorists' sight distance are also monitored and addressed as needed.