

Monthly Report for March Mall/Concourse Maintenance

The large snow storm at the beginning of February kept the crews busy for quite some time cleaning the walks and detailing all of the nooks and crannies within our area. Prior to Winter Festival, we organized the only major haul-out of snow for the season, in which we removed piles from both the Capitol Square and State Street overnight. In addition, crews worked throughout the day to haul snow from the side streets around the Square. Winter Festival was held mid-month, but did not seem to cause any major issues for the crew, as extreme cold temps kept many spectators from coming out to take in the festivities. We saw a bit more excitement towards the end of the month with several rallies, but all were fairly small and very manageable in size. We continued to pick walks and provide trash and recycling services as usual. In addition, committees were very active this month with the Philosopher Stone and Ad Hoc Public Restroom Committees moving closer to and making recommendations and the Street Use Committee coming back to full strength.

As we move into March, we continue to manage the snow and ice as necessary. We also prepare for spring, as we will switch gears very quickly as weather dictates. We are resuming regular sidewalk sweeping as conditions warrant. We saw large crowds for the St. Patrick's Day festivities. We will begin more regular cleaning of the bus shelters as temperatures allow us. Crews will work to change out the seasonal banners, and we will work with Facilities Maintenance to get the snowflake lights removed for the season. We're looking forward to the spring that is fast-approaching.