

# City of Madison Snow Plowing Priorities

Public safety is the top priority of the City of Madison. We are committed to providing residents and visitors a safe winter driving experience while protecting our environment through the responsible use of deicing chemicals and abrasives.

City staff is responsible for keeping 1,742 lane miles of streets, 150 miles of sidewalks and bike paths, clear of snow and ice. We are also responsible for clearing snow from 887 priority bus stops after most snow storms and another 800 bus stops after major storms.

Motorists must remember that winter conditions mean slower going. You need to allow additional time to travel to your destination and, motorists should allow more distance to stop.

We are committed to making sure our bus routes are open so residents can take advantage of mass transit during winter. We also strive to clear City sidewalks and bike paths in a timely manner.

I would suggest something like a commitment to provide residents and visitors a safe winter **transportation** experience. This would include the commitment for all modes of transportation not just driving.

In the third section, consider changing motorist to vehicle operators. Allowing additional time for travel and encouraging greater stopping distance is a good suggestion for all operators of vehicles (motors or not).

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I'd also recommend reviewing/removing the suggestion to take the bus or walk instead of cycling.

The day of a storm and a day or two after usually are not great for bicycling. Take a break and walk or ride [Metro Transit](#) until the roads are cleared for good bicycling conditions.

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