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SUBJECT: Salt ineffective with freezing temperatures; plow operators relying on sand

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[Duluth, MN] – The City of Duluth snow plow operations resumed at 2:00 am this morning working to clear the even side of Duluth streets. All 22 plow trucks and 22 graders were out in full force but the lingering freezing temperatures remain a concern.

“We need the temperatures to warm up to at least 15 degrees for salt to work then we can send out our graders to chip away at the ice. Even then, we want to be careful not to damage the roads. The weather forecast doesn’t look promising for the near future. For now, we’re requesting that the public use extreme caution, slow down, and be patient. In the meantime, trucks are out spreading sand to create traction as they plow the remainder of the streets,” said Kelly Fleissner, Interim Director of Public Administration.

Last Friday, the city crews were able to clear side streets and finish all alleys. Today, there are still some cars that remain buried and were not moved during the Sunday alternate side parking changeover. These remaining cars impede the work of plow drivers. The public is requested again to move cars as quickly as possible to allow plow drivers to do finish clearing streets and to prevent the need for ticketing.

Looking ahead, city crews will be planning for sidewalk snow removal and hauling away the mounds of snow that have accumulated since last Tuesday. The public is reminded not to throw excess snow onto the streets or alleys.

The City thanks the public for their patience and cooperation as city crews work to clear snow and create safe routes for transit.

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