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**MEMO**



**TO**

DATE: March 22, 2010

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
Room 400, City Hall

Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council Bill 10-0450 is for the purpose of requiring the Department of Transportation to make certain information available to the public during a snow emergency; defining certain terms; requiring the installation of tracking devices on City owned snow plows; and providing for a special effective date.

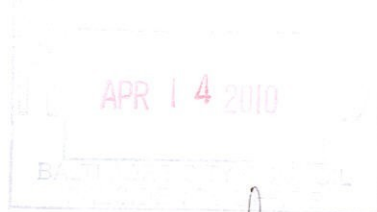
Under the proposed legislation, during a snow emergency, and at any other time designated by the Mayor, the Department of Transportation must post the following on a specially designed "snow page" accessible to the public through the department's website: a list of all city streets indicating the priority order in which they will be plowed; a map of the routes assigned to each City plow; and a map that indicates in real-time which City streets have and have not been plowed or salted. Department of Transportation currently provides terms, definitions and examples of primary roads and secondary roads on its Snow Page. The Department has a map of the routes assigned to each snow zone. In addition, the Department uses TELOGIS to track real-time location of the snow plow equipment; however, the map does not indicate if the streets have or have not been plowed or salted. Providing the information required by the legislation is estimated to cost \$100,000. Based on the anticipated significant reductions to the Fiscal 2011 Department of Transportation budget, the Department of Finance does not support this bill.

The Bill also requires all City owned snow plows be equipped with a GPS, or similar device, that allows the exact position of the plow to be determined and tracked in real-time from a central location designated by the City. According to the Department of Transportation, all snow equipment (plow trucks) are already fitted with GPS and can be tracked real time at any location.

AWK/THK/cz

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