

Resolution on Sidewalk Snow Removal

Introduced by: Lawrence Scott, Member-at-Large

February 16, 2022

Whereas, the City of Buffalo Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board unanimously approved the attached resolution on February 1, 2022 on snow removal;

Whereas, snow removal from roadways and sidewalks is essential to keeping our city schools open and safe passage for our students and families to and from school;

Whereas, snow removal from NFTA bus stops is necessary for safe passage to and from school for our high school students;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Buffalo Board of Education supports the attached City of Buffalo Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board resolution urging “the City Council and Mayor to allocate the appropriate resources to establish a sidewalk snow removal program and invest in the necessary technology to ensure that the city’s most vulnerable roadway users continue to have access to their daily needs”;

Further, Be It Resolved, the Buffalo Board of Education requests that a plan for sidewalk snow removal include all NFTA bus stops.



Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board

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Whereas, Buffalo has a significant population considered vulnerable roadway users with nearly one third of households without access to a vehicle, 22.6% under 18 years of age, 12.4% over 65 years of age and 12.9% living with a disability;

Whereas, The latest snow storm in Buffalo which dropped well over a foot of snow crippled the city with people home from work and children off from school all because we cannot move vehicles from our streets;

Whereas, Cities as nearby as Syracuse are utilizing new technology, powered by GPS trackers in all city snow plows, that allow residents to find how recently their streets have been cleared of snow, and;

Whereas, The City of Syracuse has allocated \$650,000 annually to clear snow from a hundred miles of heavily travelled sidewalks;

Whereas, If we had built, or began to rebuild our city centered around people, not cars, we wouldn't have been so terribly crippled by this latest snow storm;

Whereas, Walkable neighborhoods aren't just something nice but are critical pieces of infrastructure that keep cities moving in all weather conditions;

Now Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the City of Buffalo's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board urges the City Council and Mayor to allocate the appropriate resources to establish a sidewalk snow removal program and invest in the necessary technology to ensure that the city's most vulnerable roadway users continue to have access to their daily needs.