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### **CITY PREPARES FOR INCLEMENT WINTER WEATHER**

**HIGH POINT, N.C. (Jan. 14, 2022)** – The City of High Point is preparing for the inclement winter weather forecasted for this weekend.

The City is equipped with three motor graders, 15 plow trucks, 15 salt spreaders and four brine trucks for snow removal. During winter weather, the City of High Point Street Maintenance and Stormwater Divisions are responsible for performing snow and ice removal on approximately 500 lane miles of NCDOT and City-maintained roadway.

A crew is scheduled Friday evening, Jan. 14, 2022, to apply salt brine to major thoroughfares, bridges and overpasses. The salt brine helps prevent snow from sticking to the pavement and makes plowing and additional salting more effective.

City crews will continue leaf collections services on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022, as brine trucks are converted to salt and plow. On Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022, at 7 a.m., the crew of 25 will begin a full-day shift. They will start spreading salt on bridges and overpasses as snow or freezing precipitation accumulates. The next step will be to salt the priority 1, 2, and 3 routes. The crew may begin plowing when one or more inches of snow accumulate on the roads.

During major storm events, the street maintenance and stormwater divisions will work around the clock in 12-hour shifts. The City maintains a stockpile of 800 tons of de-icing salt and a storage capacity of 33,100 gallons of salt brine.

“Looking at the current forecast, we expect to start applying brine to the roadways beginning the evening of Friday, Jan. 13,” said Public Services Manager Justin Gray. “As the storm tracks closer, we will begin to stage equipment and crews, most likely Saturday evening, to prepare for plowing/salting roadways and continue to work through the storm event until roadways are clear.”

The public service department is monitoring the forecast routinely to determine when the storm is expected to arrive and will make adjustments as needed. Preparations have been made with all necessary trucks and equipment to be on standby.

*The City of High Point aims to serve as the catalyst for bringing together the community’s human, economic and civic resources for the purpose of creating the single most livable, safe and prosperous community in America.*

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