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Mayor Announces Real-Time Snow Removal Simulation *~Department of Public Works to conduct test run on November 3rd~*

Richmond, Va. - During the past several years the City of Richmond has significantly enhanced its ability and resources to combat inclement winter weather, such as snowstorms and ice removal. As part of the improvements, the Department of Public Works will conduct a real-time dry run of its snow routes on Thursday, November 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“We are working to ensure that we are ready to address the snow removal needs of the City,” said Mayor Jones. “We have invested in new spreaders and plows, are ensuring that departments are working together, and we have more trucks available to us for snow removal, as we can outfit our new refuse trucks with plows when necessary.”

Previously, the City’s dump trucks and pick-up trucks were equipped with plows. Outfitting the refuse trucks increases the City’s snow plow fleet by 23 trucks.

During the simulation some 50 trucks mounted with spreaders will mobilize and run their routes on each side of the James River on the City’s Priority 1 and Priority 2 roads, such as Hull Street, Broad Street and Midlothian Turnpike. There also will be a full complement of approximately 50 employees participating in the simulation program.

The test run will not include the City’s residential neighborhood roads. The City has a plan of action for neighborhood roads that involves the use of private contractors and expects neighborhood clean-up efforts, in most instances, to run parallel to those on the Priority 1 and Priority 2 thoroughfares.

Mayor Jones will kick-off the simulation at 9 a.m. at the Hopkins Road fleet maintenance site.

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