

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-012-2025

Draft No.: 2

Committee: Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment

Date: 5/8/2025

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In Favor: Council Members Olson, Harrison, Blegay, and Dernoga)

The Committee convened on March 13, 2025, and again on May 8, 2025, to discuss CB-12-2025, which requires the Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPWT) to report specific information on snow removal operations; defines operation levels based on the amount of snowfall; and establishes definitions of county roadways.

The original draft:

- 1) Defines operation levels by the amount of snowfall:
 - Modified – 2-4 inches
 - Full – exceeds 4 inches (multi-day plowing)
 - Blizzard – requires heavy equipment to clear roadways
- 2) Defines county roadways as Primary, Secondary, and Residential
- 3) Requires DPWT reporting within 24 hours of notice of anticipated snowfall, to include deployment strategies, pre-treatment supplies used, and communication strategies

The bill was held on March 13th for consideration of amendments. The sponsor worked with DPWT and the County Executive's office on the proposed Draft 2, which:

- 1) Changes "Snow Removal Plan" to "Situational Awareness Report"
- 2) Removes provisions requiring the reporting of deployment and communication strategies, and
- 3) Adds specific service updates to the report, including air and roadway temperatures, storm forecast, road conditions, bus service status, paratransit and Call-A-Bus status, dispatched vehicles, and total calls received.

After the staff's summary of the amendments and acknowledgement of the sponsor's agreement, the Committee voted favorably on CB-12-2025 as amended by a vote of 4-0.