





South Carolina Department of Transportation

Winter Storm Report as of 18:00 January 23, 2016

Statewide Summary – All interstates are open and passable. Most primary routes are passable; however, there are sections in the upstate where extreme caution is required. While conditions have improved, refreezing of melting snow, and areas of wet pavement, could be an issue as temperatures drop below freezing this evening and throughout the night. SCDOT forces in the upper sections of Districts 3 and 4 continue to plow and apply salt and other deicing materials as necessary to roads and bridges. Travelers should exercise caution this evening and overnight as black ice could form due to dropping temperatures and wet pavements, especially on bridges and overpasses. Assistance crews from District 5, 6 and 7 continue to provide assistance to upstate counties.

Approximately 150 truck-loads (over 3500 tons of salt) are being moved from the Columbia Salt Dome to the Upstate SCDOT county facilities. Approximately 2000 tons is being moved from the Greer Salt Dome to the upstate SCDOT county facilities. Salt deliveries will continue until stockpiles are replenished.

The following values are the employees and equipment that are active, and the material already applied to the roadways.

571	Maintenance employees actively involved with road operations
10976	Tons of Salt (cumulative total)
1353	Tons of Sand (cumulative total)
42285	Gallons of calcium chloride
752,675	Gallons of salt brine
348	Equipment in use

Engineering District 1 – Normal conditions are being reported in all District 1 counties. On call crews will monitor and respond if needed.

Engineering District 2 – Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick, and Saluda counties are on on-call status.

Anderson, Laurens, and Newberry counties will shut down day operations tonight by 1900, however, small crews will work throughout the night treating trouble spots.

District 2 anticipates all counties returning to normal on-call status beginning tomorrow morning.

Engineering District 3 – District 3 reports clear interstates but they anticipate refreezing in many areas throughout the county as temperatures drop overnight. Therefore, they will be pre-treating to prevent black ice this evening.

Primary routes; SC 14, US 25, US 276, SC 101 are all clear with hit and miss icy spots, US 276 on Caesars Head is ice, SC 11 is about 60% clear and 40% ice, crews are working on both locations.

High volume secondary routes like Woodruff Rd, Laurens Rd, and Pleasantburg Dr. in Greenville are clear with minor ice spots in the medians.

Secondary routes in lower elevations, especially inside city limits, are mostly clear.

Secondary routes in the higher elevations, along the North Carolina border, are covered with ice.

The District estimates they are about 70% clear on the primary routes and about 50% clear on the secondary routes.

Crews are working throughout the night continuing to plow and treat targeted areas. Major emphasis is being focused on the mountain region where snow and ice continue to cover majority of the roads.

SHEP and the Traffic Management Center remain activated. Construction personnel are being used to operate pickup trucks equipped with salt spreaders.

Engineering District 4 – District 4 reports 100% of I-77 and I-85 are dry. Some wet areas remain along ramps. These areas will be monitored overnight and any areas that refreeze will be treated.

In Cherokee and York Counties, primary route mainlines have 100% of pavements reported as wet with only isolated icy spots. Some paved medians still have slush. The wet areas will be monitored overnight and any areas that refreeze will be treated. Secondary route pavements are reported as 60% wet, with 40% having areas of slush remaining. Some icy spots remain in shaded areas. These routes are currently being plowed and treated. This will continue overnight.

In Chester, Chesterfield, Fairfield, Lancaster and Union counties, 100% of primary routes are reported as dry, secondary routes are reported as dry or wet.

All roads will be monitored overnight and any isolated areas that refreeze will be retreated. All county night shift key personnel will report in at 1900 to work throughout the night addressing any areas that refreeze. County offices will continue to be staffed and will report in every 2 hours.

Assistance Crews in York and Cherokee will continue to work throughout the night shift. All Assistance crews will be released tomorrow morning at 0700. District 4 appreciates the assistance the additional crews provided.

The District Office will be staffed throughout the night tonight. We will be working to replenish materials as quickly as possible.

Engineering District 5 – Normal conditions are being reported in all District 5 counties. On call crews will monitor and respond if needed.

Engineering District 6 – Normal operations. Crews continue to assist in District 4.

Engineering District 7 – Normal conditions are being reported in all District 7 counties. On call crews will monitor and respond if needed. Crews continue to assist in District 4.

The State Traffic Management Center is operational.

Road conditions in the affected counties are being continuously updated at:
<http://206.74.144.9/RoadConditions/default.aspx?t=win>