



Utah Department of Transportation  
Region One  
166 Southwell Street  
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Dear residents of Cache Valley,

I write to you on behalf of the Utah Department of Transportation's Region One. Winter is fast approaching and snow plow operations during this season will be a little different than you've seen in years past.

Typically, along State Route 142 in the Clarkston and Newton area, our snow plow operators have plowed with two trucks, moving snow from the west to the east side of the road and against the normal flow of traffic. This method of plowing has been our norm because wind in the area typically blows from the west to the east. Traditional plowing operations resulted in crews constantly fighting a losing battle against the snow and wind, with freshly plowed snow

often blowing back onto the roadway surface.



But beginning this year, crews will start testing a new truck, equipped with a wing on both sides. The new piece of equipment will allow crews to resume a more traditional snow removal method, plowing with the flow of traffic. But before

the snow starts to fall, UDOT wants to make motorists aware of a few safety items.

Due to the size of the new truck, the left wing will overlap into adjacent lanes. Plow operators will either stop for oncoming traffic or travel at very slow speeds to avoid spraying nearby

vehicles with snow. When the plow is on the road and removing snow, we ask that all motorists please reduce their speed, use caution and refrain from passing any plows. Also, motorists and residents should note that in order to clear large snow banks, there may still be instances when the west-to-east plowing method is implemented. Thank you for your patience and your cooperation and please drive safely this winter.

Sincerely,

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