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I think that the Duluth area community could benefit from a reassessment of priorities in winter snow removal. Citizens expectations for road conditions are to high. People seem to get upset if the roads are not bare and clear 36 hours after a major storm. This is an unreasonable expectation and it should not be catered to. Meanwhile, pedestrians are walking in traffic lanes because sidewalks aren't cleared a week after a major storm. Shift funds from salting and overtime to sidewalk clearing. People will be angry, but I don't think it's a political risk if the priorities behind it are messaged plainly and clearly. Arterials need to be open, sure, but seeing piles of road salt scattered on tertiary roads in my neighborhood is a wasteful and harmful.