Appendix E – Standard Roadway Conditions

COMMON DESCRIPTIONS: In order to attain a common understanding of winter road conditions, the following conditions and definitions have been established.

Condition 1: Clear - No snow and ice is bonded or accumulated on the road surface. Bare pavement surface is maintained at all times.

Condition 2: Clear and wet - Bare/wet pavement surface is the general condition. There are occasional areas having snow or ice accumulations resulting from drifting, sheltering, cold spots, frozen melt-water, etc

Condition 3: Snow and/or slush covered with wheel tracks exposed - Accumulations of loose snow or slush ranging up to (2) in.) are found on the pavement surface. Packed and bonded snow and ice are not present.

Condition 4: Snow and/or slush covered - The pavement surface has continuous stretches of packed snow with or without loose snow on top of the packed snow or ice.

Condition 5: Icy - The pavement surface is completely covered with packed snow and/or ice. There may be loose snow on top of the icy or packed snow surface.

Condition 6: Impassable - The road is temporarily impassable. This may be the result of severe weather (low visibility, etc.) or road conditions (drifting, excessive unplowed snow, avalanche potential or actuality, glare ice, etc.).









