



City of Grand Forks Staff Report

Committee of the Whole – November 28th, 2016
City Council – December 5, 2016

Agenda Item: 2016-2017 Amended Snowmobile Route

Prepared by: Lt. Jeremy Moe, Specialized Resource Bureau Commander
Submitted by: Mark Nelson, Chief of Police, Grand Forks Police Department

Staff Recommended Action: Recommend Approval of 2016-2017 Amended Snowmobile Route

Committee Recommended Action:

Council Action:

BACKGROUND: The Grand Forks Police Department received citizen complaints of snowmobile activity on Gateway Drive during the 2015-2016 snowmobile season. These complaints related to safety and potential collision concerns with vehicular traffic on Gateway Drive as well as private property concerns along Gateway Drive.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT: The Grand Forks Police Department proposes a change to the snowmobile route, minimizing travel on Gateway Drive. The proposed route change will extend north from Gateway Drive on N. 42nd St. to 27th Ave. S. and utilize 27th Ave. S. to join trails along the river. This change eliminates the snowmobile route from Gateway Drive between N. 42nd St and the Red River where the complaints were generated. The Grand Forks Police Department has sought input from local snowmobile clubs and Greenway staff have been informed that the proposed route is a viable option.

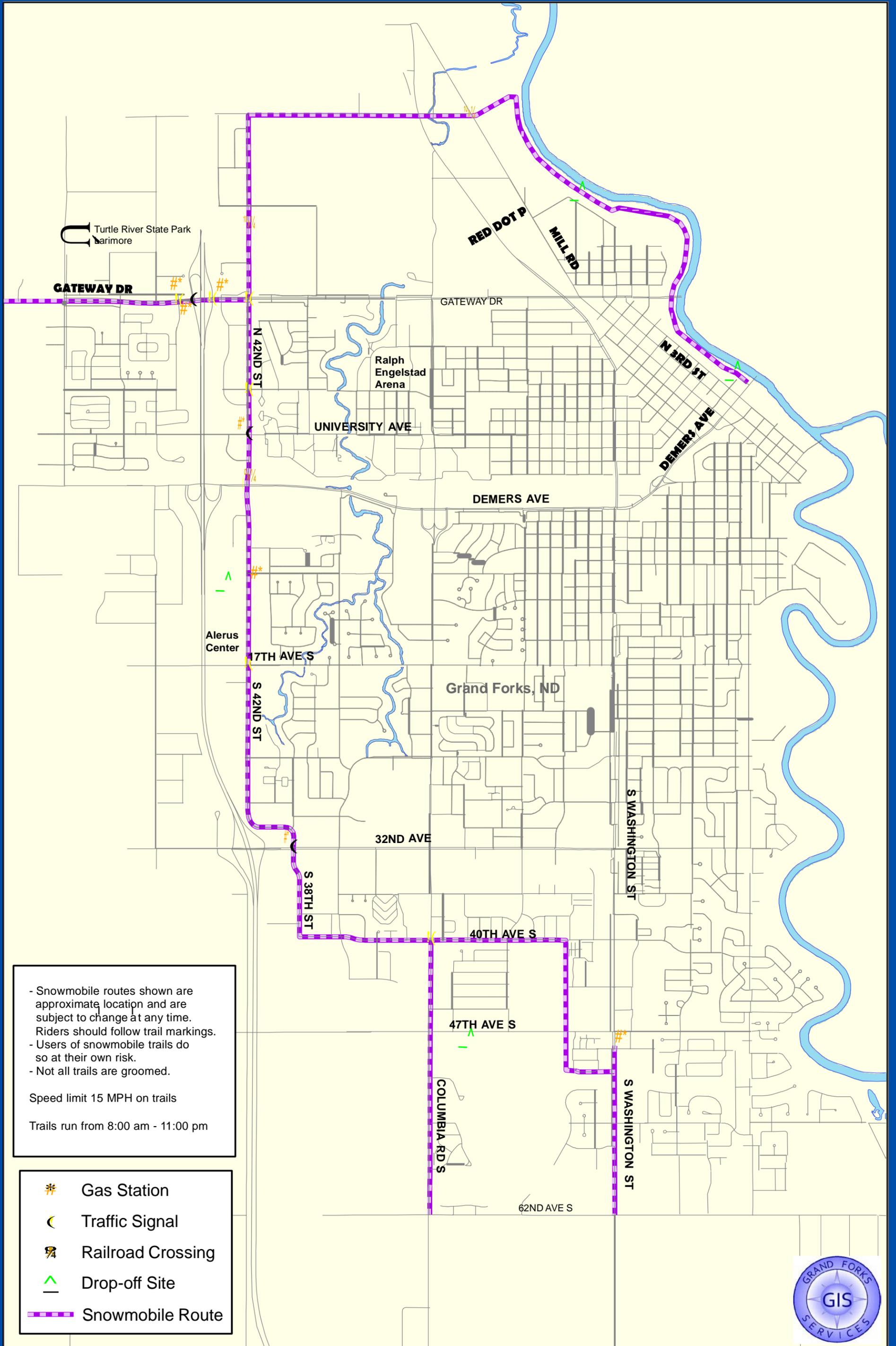
In addition, Grand Forks City Code 8-1203,(2) states “The officially designated routes for use of snowmobiles within the corporate limits of the City of Grand Forks shall be determined by the chief of police annually.”

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Proposed Snowmobile Map

2016-2017 Snowmobile Route

City of Grand Forks, ND
Approved by Chief of Police Mark Nelson



- Snowmobile routes shown are approximate location and are subject to change at any time. Riders should follow trail markings.
- Users of snowmobile trails do so at their own risk.
- Not all trails are groomed.

Speed limit 15 MPH on trails
Trails run from 8:00 am - 11:00 pm

- Gas Station
- Traffic Signal
- Railroad Crossing
- Drop-off Site
- Snowmobile Route

