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Potholes: Commissioners say winter weather is taking a toll on roads

EDINBURG – Hidalgo County Commissioners ask for the public's patience as crews work as quickly as possible to patch potholes that have cropped up due to the wet, winter weather.

"We have our road crews working extra hours to make the roads safe for travel," said Precinct 1 Commissioner A.C. Cuellar. "Our priorities are school zones and bus routes, followed by the roads that service the most populated areas."

Cuellar said typically there are two road crews on duty working Monday through Friday. To keep up with demand, he added another crew and extended the schedule to include work on Saturdays. Precinct 4 has crews on call 24 hours to handle the most severe potholes and other road issues.

"Potholes can cause flat tires, blown shocks and cracked rims," said Precinct 4 Commissioner Joseph Palacios. "We are committed to servicing the roads in our precinct and have been working around the clock to assure we bring these problematic issues to rest for the benefit of our taxpayers."

Potholes are caused by the presence of water in the underlying soil structure of roads combined with traffic passing over the affected area, Palacios said. They appear on county and city roads as well as on interstate highways.

According to Commissioner Cuellar, the repairs that are taking place now are mostly temporary fixes because the wet weather isn't conducive to the hot asphalt method used for more permanent repairs.

Road maintenance falls either to the Department of Transportation or to state, county and municipal authorities. To report potholes or other issues with county roads – roads located outside city limits in Hidalgo County – please contact the appropriate precinct office.

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