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A local road authority may allow two-way operation of snowmobiles on either side of the right-of-way of a street or road under its jurisdiction if it determines that two-way operation will not endanger anyone. The commissioner of transportation and local road authorities must notify the commissioner of natural resources and local law enforcement agencies of the locations of two-way snowmobile trails and post the trails for two-way operation.

This authority is substantially similar to that given to the commissioner of transportation with regard to use of rights-of-way along trunk highways.

A local road authority is defined in existing law as “the commissioner, as to trunk highways; the county board, as to county state aid highways and county highways; the town board, as to town roads; and the governing bodies of cities when the governing bodies or city streets are specifically mentioned.”

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