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City of Duluth - Superior Street Reconstruction - Weekly Newsletter

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SUBJECT: Superior Street Reconstruction Update: Word on the Street (June 24, 2020)

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Wrap-up of Last Week

- -Crews began forming and pouring curb and gutter on the upper side of Lake Avenue.
- -Electrical duct banks were built through the Lake Avenue intersection.
- -Carpentry crews worked on vaults between Lake and 1st Avenue West.
- -Pipefitters continued installing the hot water lines from Lake to 1st Avenue West.
- -The first connection was made from the old storm sewer system to the new storm sewer system in 1st Avenue West.
- -Water main was placed between 1st and 2nd Avenue West.
- -Crews removed ledge rock to prepare for the water main placement.

What to Expect June 24 - July 1

- -Access to businesses and residences will remain open.
- -Pedestrian will be rerouted as several utility connections are being made directly into buildings.
- -Bricks, pavement and ledge rock will continue to be removed throughout the project zone.
- -Crews will pour roadway and sidewalk on the upper side of Lake Ave.
- -Structural work on vaults will continue.
- -Permanent water and storm sewer tie-ins will begin between 1st Avenue West and 2nd Avenue West.
- -Steam and hot water installation will continue from Lake to 1st Avenue West.
- -Storm structure work will continue in 1st Avenue West.
- -Removal of the of 100 year steam heating system will restart June 28 at 2nd Avenue West. The removal of the existing District Steam Heating System, within the limits of this year's project, involves the mitigation and removal of the existing asbestos containing steam pipes that have been serving Downtown Duluth for over 100 years. The removal of these pipes will be performed by a licensed asbestos abatement contractor and environmental monitoring will be performed to ensure worker and public safety. Signs will be placed at the location of the work site to inform the public that asbestos abatement is occurring and to delineate the work zone. Public cooperation is requested to stay within the designated pedestrian areas and out of the delineated work zone. Access to all businesses will be maintained while this work is performed.

Lake Avenue Update

-The current Stage 2 traffic pattern will be in place for the duration of the project, expected to be complete in early August. Striping is complete for Stage 1. Milling is complete, and overlay is expected the first week in July. For questions on the bridge, contact Margie Nelson, MnDOT Public Affairs Coordinator District 1,

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Weekly Meeting

-Weekly construction meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 10:00am. To accommodate public meetings, community members may use the following conference line until group gathering restrictions have been lifted. <u>+1 651-964-6935</u> United States, St. Paul (Toll) Conference ID: 289 046 099#

Parking Ramps

-Many ramps are offering free parking if you enter and leave in with an hour. For those accessing businesses in the construction zone, the following ramps are participating: Civic Center Ramp—410 West First StreetTech Village Ramp—10 East First StreetDuluth Transportation Center—228 West Michigan Street4th Avenue Auto Park—402 West Michigan StreetHart District Ramp—125 East Superior StreetMedical District Ramp—302 East First Street