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SUBJECT: West Michigan Street Utility Upgrades: Progress Update

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[Duluth, MN] - Beginning Thursday September 15, the City of Duluth's contractor working on the Michigan Street utility upgrade project is going to be closing West Michigan Street between 6th Avenue West and 5th Avenue West. This block of Michigan Street is expected to remain closed until October 3rd. The closure is necessary to facilitate replacement of the temporary bituminous street surface remaining from a 2015 construction project with a new concrete surface. A detour for this block of Michigan Street will be established up 6th Avenue West to Superior Street, East on Superior Street to 4th Avenue West, and back down 4th Avenue West to Michigan Street. During this detour, 6th Avenue west between Michigan Street and Superior Street will be converted to two-way traffic and the 6th Avenue West and Superior Street intersection will be converted to a 4-way stop.

Furthermore, the intersection of 5th Avenue West and West Michigan Street is scheduled to close sometime during the week of September 19th to facilitate concrete pavement installation in these areas. The intersection will remain closed for **one** week. At the time of 5th Avenue West's closure traffic detours will be established. Motorists on I35 headed north into downtown can exit earlier and take Superior Street/Mesaba Ave exit or take the 5th ave West exit but travel further up to Lake Avenue for downtown access. Traffic headed south of downtown can take Superior Street west or Mesaba Ave to access south bound I35.

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