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SUBJECT: First Avenue E reconstruction project to begin Monday, May 15

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[DULUTH, MN] The City of Duluth will begin the First Avenue East reconstruction project on May 15, 2023 and is announcing upcoming street closures. The first phase of the project will include the closure of First Avenue East from Superior Street to Second Street and from Second Street to Third Street, as well as a lane closure on Third Street from First Avenue East to Lake Avenue. Superior Street will also be closed at First Avenue East. A detour route (see included map) will be posted for motorists to use First Avenue West, Fourth Street, and Second Avenue East. The detour route for the Michigan Street Utility Replacement Project will also be impacted by this closure. That detour will be modified to use First Avenue West to join the First Avenue East detour and Michigan Street will be converted to a two-way street with no parking between First Avenue West and First Avenue East.

The first phase of the project is expected to be completed in late June at which time the intersection with Superior Street will reopen and the intersection with Second Street will be closed. All other closures will remain until the completion of the project, which is anticipated to occur in mid-October.

The project will consist of new hot water and steam utility infrastructure, replacement water and storm sewer utilities, replacement of a failing retaining wall, concrete pavement intersections at First Street and Second Street, new signals at the intersection of Second Street, and the reconstruction of First Avenue East from Superior Street to Third Street. Minnesota Power will also be constructing a new electrical duct bank within the project limits.

For more information, please contact the City of Duluth Engineering division at (218) 730-5200.

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First Avenue E reconstruction detour map