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SUBJECT: West Michigan Street Utility Upgrades Nearing Completion

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[Duluth, MN] - Starting the week of September 5, the utility upgrades currently taking place along West Michigan Street in downtown Duluth, will start its fourth phase. This upcoming work will impact vehicle access from Republic Bank to the 5th Ave West corner for 4-5 weeks. The entry into the 4th Ave West parking ramp is only accessible from 4th Ave West, the ramp will be reconfigured to allow temporary exiting at the 4th Ave West and Michigan Street intersection. The traditional exit out of the parking ramp onto Michigan St. will be closed for the entire duration of Phase 4. Accessing the parking ramp from the frontage road is highly recommended.

Phase 5: Concrete repairs along Michigan Street (between 6th Ave West and 5th Ave West) are also planned for October as a follow up to Minnesota Power's electrical upgrade work last summer. The north side of Michigan Street will be blocked off for approximately two weeks for site preparation and concrete pouring then will need one week to cure and harden. The goal is to open the south lane for traffic to pass while the concrete cures.

The City appreciates and commends MN Power, Duluth Energy Systems, the Duluth Public Works and Utilities staff, LHB Corp., Bougalis and Sons Construction, the local property managers, the Duluth Transit Authority and the Greater Downtown Council who have collaborated effectively on this multi-dimensional project.

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