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[Duluth, MN] Restoration and stabilization of the former Duluth Winnipeg and Pacific (DWP) Railroad bridge over Sargent Creek will begin the week of October 1. Nearby residents can expect to see workers during the daylight hours. The anticipated completion date is summer 2020. Project work includes replacement of the existing bridge deck with low maintenance, pedestrian-friendly surface, addressing structural deterioration on the west abutment, in addition to mitigating erosion issues underneath the existing structure. The existing deck timbers will be removed and replaced with a treated timber deck and a cable railing system that will be installed for user safety. The deck will also provide unobstructed views of the St. Louis River Estuary. Sargent Creek Bridge will be closed during construction.

The City-owned, abandoned, Duluth Winnipeg and Pacific (DWP) Railroad corridor is currently used as an informal trail. The 100 ft. wide corridor runs continuously for about 10 miles from 63rd Street West to Becks Road, and eventually under I-35 to Proctor. The DWP is a very scenic route high above the river estuary and the Munger Trail. Stewart Creek Bridge was reconstructed in 2018.

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