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**City of Duluth - Superior Street
Reconstruction - Weekly
Newsletter**

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SUBJECT: Superior Street Construction Update: Word on the Street (April 29, 2020)

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Superior Street Construction Update: Word on the Street (April 29, 2020)

Wrap-up of This Week

- Sidewalks were poured at northeast corner of Lave Avenue.
- Carpentry crews worked on vaults throughout the project.
- Excavation continued within 1st Avenue West.
- Electricians removed street lights and signals from 1st Avenue West through 3rd Avenue West.
- Pipefitters were fusing pipe offsite to prepare for upcoming hot water installation.
- Crews began work to prepare for pouring concrete on the northwest corner for 3rd Avenue East.

What to Expect April 29 – May 6

- Access to businesses and residences will remain open.
- Bricks and pavement will continue to be removed throughout the project zone
- Structural work on vaults will continue.
- Storm sewer work will commence in Lake Avenue
- Preparation for hot water installation will continue at 1st Avenue West.
- Concrete will be poured in the northwest corner of 3rd Avenue East.
- Removal of 100 year steam heating system will begin. 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

- Work has begun on the Lake Avenue Bridge. Vehicle detours are in place, and pedestrian access remains from Downtown to Canal Park. For details on road closures and project updates, please visit MnDOT's website:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d1/projects/lake-avenue/index.html>.

- 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. [+1 651-964-6935](tel:+16519646935)
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

Note from the Field

-As we all cope with the Coronavirus Pandemic, we continue to focus on the safety and well-being of the crews, clients and communities. We are taking all precautions to reduce the risk of exposure and to promote social distancing as we closely follow the latest developments and recommendations from the CDC, local, state and federal governments. Our teams are working to safely navigate through this challenge together and we will continue to communicate and support our clients as they try to serve their customers. We hope that you and your families stay safe.