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

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SUBJECT: Superior Street Reconstruction Update: Word on the Street (June 17, 2020)

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Superior Street Reconstruction Update: Word on the Street (June 17, 2020)

Wrap-up of Last Week

- Building connections to the watermain and sewer system continued from Lake to 1st Avenue West.
- Carpentry crews worked on vaults throughout the project.
- Electricians continued working within Lake Avenue.
- Pipefitters continued installing the steam and hot water lines in Lake Avenue.
- Crews removed ledge rock to prepare for the water main placement.

What to Expect June 17 - 24

- Access to businesses and residences will remain open.
- Pedestrian will be rerouted as several utility connections are being made directly into buildings.
- Bricks, pavement and ledge rock will continue to be removed throughout the project zone.
- Crews will prepare for curb and gutter on the upper side of Lake Avenue.
- Structural work on vaults will continue.
- Permanent water and storm sewer tie-ins will continue.
- Steam and hot water installation will continue within Lake Avenue.
- Storm structures will begin to be placed within 1st Avenue West.
- Removal of the 100-year-old steam heating system will restart at 2nd Avenue West. 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 worksite to inform the public that asbestos abatement is occurring and delineating the work zone. The City is asking for the public's cooperation 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

- The Lake Avenue Bridge project will switch to its last Traffic Control stage on Thursday, June 18. The ramps from I-35 northbound to Lake Avenue and from Lake Avenue to I-35 southbound will be closed. Ramps will be open from I-35 southbound to Lake Avenue southbound and from Lake Avenue northbound to I-35 northbound. There is no access to/from Superior Street at this time. For questions on the bridge, contact Margie Nelson, MnDOT Public Affairs Coordinator

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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