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[Duluth, MN] – The City of Duluth is taking advantage of the limited construction season to work on some necessary projects that are critical to improving streets and utilities. Though residents will experience inconveniences, the end product will ensure a safe usable transit system for all residents and visitors. Improving and sustaining our infrastructure and services continues to be a high priority for Mayor Larson. Projects listed below are scheduled to commence the week of July 18. This public notice has been updated with one additional project on 60th Ave East.

Residents can also sign up for the city's Code Red notification system. It's a free service that issues automated alerts to a home phone, cell phone or e-mail account in the case of emergency water or gas shut offs or dangerous weather conditions. Residents can sign up at <https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/3E9AE2D57904>

The City also manages an interactive online inventory of street and utility projects at [www.duluthprogress.com](http://www.duluthprogress.com) for a citywide perspective.

**4th Street reconstruction project** (East Hillside) – The reconstruction of 4th Street in Duluth begins Monday, July 18. A two-block segment of the road, from 8th to 10th Avenue East, will be closed to all traffic and parking will not be allowed. Additionally, gas line work will begin between 12th and 14th Avenues East. This portion of the road will remain open to traffic, but the sidewalk, shoulder, and parking will be blocked, and motorists should expect delays. Within two to four weeks, as work progresses, the project area and road closure will expand to include 6th to 8th Avenues East. Meanwhile, utility work will progress to the east to as far as 18th Avenue East. To minimize disruption, directional signs will be placed along the detour route indicating access points to local businesses. The Duluth Transit Authority will use a temporary detour route going south and around the project zone, with eastbound buses rerouted to 2nd Street, westbound buses using 3rd Street. The DTA schedule is available at [www.duluthtransit.com](http://www.duluthtransit.com) More details are available at <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNSTLOUIS/bulletins/155d63b>

Timeline – July 18 until November 18

**Skyline Parkway** reclamation (Central Hillside) – Commences July 18 between Mesaba Ave up to Kenwood Ave. The City's Contractor will start with curb and gutter replacement along Skyline Parkway and will need to close the length of the lane adjacent to the project area. No parking will be allowed on the side of the work area and traffic will be shifted over. Street reclamation and paving will not take place until early August. There will be intermittent lane closures but traffic will still be able to get through. Motorists should expect delays if traveling this route. The City recommends using an alternate route if possible.

Timeline: July 18 until August 31

**24th Ave West** (patching) – Due to previous water main breaks and necessary excavations on 24th Ave West, several areas of the street are in need of permanent patching. Crews will be out over the next two weeks to repair several areas. Two specific areas will require a road closure. The north bound lane of 24th Ave West between 2nd and 3rd St. and 8th and 9th Streets will require closure for at least 3 days to allow the concrete to cure and be drivable. The south bound lane will not be impacted. Residents are encouraged to watch for signs and use alternate routes.

**Michigan St. Utilities** (downtown) - starts July 18 closing off Michigan Street between 312 and 415 West Michigan. Access points for parking ramps are available at

<http://duluthmn.gov/web-subscriptions/View-press-release/?prid=4244>

Timeline: July 18 until Labor Day weekend

**Tischer Creek bridge repair** (Hunters Park)- The contractor for Tischer Creek project intends to mobilize on July 20 or 21. For

this project, will Anna Street will be completely closed at the west side of the culvert through the Columbus Ave intersection. Columbus will be closed at the Anna Street intersection to Arrowhead road. Access to residential driveways will be maintained but there will be no through traffic possible on either road. The construction will last about one month.

Timeline: July 20 until about August 19.

**Snelling Ave** gas utility project (Chester Park) – Starting Monday, July 18th Snelling Avenue between College Street and 19th Avenue East will be closed to allow for the installation of a new 8” natural gas main. Parking will not be allowed on Snelling Avenue so residents are asked to use Garden and Kent Streets as an alternative. Snelling Avenue is expected to be closed for approximately four weeks.

As the project progresses motorists should expect to see lane closures on 18th and 19th Avenue East. Users of College Street should also expect a one week closure when the final connections of the gas main are made at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

Several other locations in the Chester Park neighborhood will experience minor construction activities as numerous small gas mains will be disconnected from the old piping and connected to the new piping. During these connections, some residents will experience temporary gas outages. Residents will be notified the previous business day when they are scheduled to be impacted by a gas service outage. None of the outages are expected to last longer than 8 hours.

This project will conclude when pipe is installed to the intersection of 4th Street and 18th Avenue East. It is anticipated this will occur by October 7th. This piping will then be connected to new utilities that are also being installed under 4th Street this summer as part of St. Louis County's 4th Street Reconstruction project.

Timeline: July 18 until October 7

**Congdon Boulevard** Improvements - Work is progressing on schedule, the current temporary traffic detour signage will be removed and normal operations resume today, July 15. Short term lane shifts and shoulder closures may occur periodically through October.

**60th Ave East (overlay) - Crews will be working all day on July 18 to overlay 60th Ave East between Superior Street and Glenwood St. This project area will be marked no parking starting at 7:00 AM. This is a one day project.**

#### **Capping and General Street Maintenance:**

City Street Maintenance crews have completed 3 miles of street capping in addition to the Lake Superior Zoo walkways and built a new paved trail at Bayfront Festival Park. The goal is complete a total of about 12 miles of capping for this season with the additional boost of \$800,000 committed by Mayor Emily Larson. The crack sealing crews have completed major repairs to Canal Park and part of Woodland Ave. City crews are addressing gravel roads and alleys as is feasible though rainy conditions have been impacting progress.

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