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SUBJECT: Updated 11:30 am: City provides update on temporary road closures due to flooding, April 14

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[DULUTH, MN] The City of Duluth's Public Works and Utilities Department has been working through last night and into today to clear clogged culverts that have caused flooding in a few areas. At this time, a few areas of road have been temporarily closed due to flooding:

-The intersection of Mall Drive and Maple Grove Road.

-Portions of Norton Road, including the 2700-2800 blocks of Norton Road, which is currently closed due to road damage and will remain closed until repairs can be completed and the road made safe to pass. Local traffic only will be able to access the partially-closed portions of Norton Road as follows:

-Residents on the 1700 to 2800 block of Norton Road will be able to access their homes from the Howard Gnesen Road entrance.

-Residents on the 2800 to 4000 block of Norton Road will be able to access their homes from the Rice Lake Road entrance.

-West Water Street is barricaded and signed as local traffic only. Barricades have been placed at the intersection of Highway 23 and West Water Street.

Emergency staff are available to assist local residents in gaining access to their homes at this time. Residents should call 911 if they have any emergencies and DFD and DPD staff will ensure emergency vehicles can get to them.

Roads will reopen when it is safe to do so. Do not drive through standing water, as doing so can be very dangerous. If you come upon flooding while driving, please call 911 to report it. While floodwaters in some areas of concern appear to be receding currently, residents should remain vigilant and use caution near floodwaters.

Residents in lower-lying areas should remain aware of the continued potential for flooding in those areas.

Thanks to Public Works and Utilities, DPD, and DFD crews for their continued work to ensure the safety of residents. The City will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as able.

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