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**SUBJECT: Update on Utility Projects in Duluth**

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## **Update on Utility Projects in Duluth**

[Duluth, MN] - The City of Duluth Public Works and Utilities Department has been working on utility upgrades in several areas of the City. New and improved utilities will ensure dependable service for all Duluth customers into the future and helps reduce water main breaks and service disruptions. The projects commenced in late April and the following provides a current status of each as of May 26, 2016:

### **East 4th St. Gas main**

The City has been working with contractors on a gas main upgrade along East 4th Street between 4th and 6th Avenues since April 25th. This project currently crosses into the middle of the intersection of 4th Street and 6th Ave East. The intersection at 4th Avenue East and 4th Street intersection is back open to traffic. Street restoration has been completed in some areas but additional gas connections are needed at 6th Ave East.

Motorists traveling south on 6th Ave with an eastbound destination should consider taking 9th Street as an alternate route. Those headed west towards downtown or to Essentia-St. Mary's hospital/clinics should take 3rd Street. Motorists should expect some delays. Access to local businesses will be maintained.

The project has been impacted by equipment failures, weather, and the need for concrete to cure thus delaying completion into next week.

**West Michigan Street Utilities:** All utilities are completed in the first phase of construction, so the street is being reconstructed this week at 3rd Avenue West and Michigan. Additional street restoration is needed next week before the intersection can reopen to traffic. Access to Michigan Street businesses and the parking facility are available via 4th Ave West. The project is on schedule with the third phase to start in mid-July impacting the area from the Medical Arts Building to 4th Ave West intersection.

**Water main on East 4th Street:** The water main replacement project along East 4th Street between 14 and 16th Ave East is nearing completion with pavement restoration taking place this week into next week. The road should reopen to motorists once the concrete is cured.

**West 4th St. – between 2nd and 3rd Ave West:** A private contractor is working on utility connections for the new Center for American Indian Resources and will have the block of 2nd to 3rd Ave West closed off to traffic until May 30.

**Water main project - Arrowhead Road at Kenwood Ave:** The water main upgrade project is continuing along Arrowhead Road. Kenwood Ave has all lanes open to traffic in both directions. Arrowhead Road is limited to west bound traffic only in the project area. Access to the Kenwood Shopping Center is open from Cleveland St. and one drive way on Arrowhead Road at Dodge St. Motorists should use the designated detour routes via College St. to Junction. DTA buses are following the detour route via Buffalo and Brainerd St. for temporary bus stops. The project is expected to be complete by mid-June, depending on weather.

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