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City of Duluth - Superior Street Reconstruction - Weekly Newsletter



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Superior Street Reconstruction

Word on the Street Weekly Update (May 14-18, 2018) *Revised

Wrap-up of This Week

- The old water main was removed and the ground is being prepared for new water main installation.
- The new water main was fused and tested for installation. Businesses with new water connections should run their taps for a minimum of 30 minutes before use.
- Concrete was poured on a portion of the retaining wall next to the Gateway Building.
- Sidewalk routes on 4th Avenue W. changed as to accommodate work on the permanent water main. Look for large pedestrian kiosks at each avenue to note changes.

What to Expect May 21 - May 25

- Access to all businesses and residences remain open.
- Brick and pavement removal will begin on 5th Avenue W.
- Installation of the main water main between 3rd Avenue W. and 5th Avenue W. will continue.
- Concrete work to continue for the retaining wall next to the Gateway Building
- The Superior Street reconstruction project is progressing towards the removal of 100-year-old steam heating system which is tentatively set to start the week of **May 29, 2018** instead of May 23rd. The removal of the existing District Steam Heating System within the limits of Phase 1 of the Superior Street Reconstruction 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 in staying within the designated pedestrian areas and out of the delineated work zone is greatly appreciated. Access to businesses will be maintained while this work is performed.

Live Feed Cameras

- You can see a live feed of the construction site anytime using this link: <http://www.superiorstreet.org/livefeed/>

Grandma's Marathon

- On Tuesday, May 29, representatives from Grandma's Marathon will be joining the weekly construction meeting to give an update on their course route for their races in 2018-2020. Please attend to learn more about how to stay involved as a business in this community event.
- Grandma's Marathon will be utilizing a modified race course for the 2018-2020 events. The race reroute will follow Michigan Street from 4th Ave E to 5th Ave W during all three phases of the Superior Street reconstruction. On race day (Saturday June

16, 2018) Michigan Street will be closed to traffic from 5:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Duluth Police Department will issue its full event traffic advisory in the coming weeks to allow businesses, residents and guests to plan. Please contact the Grandma's Marathon office at 218-727-0947 with questions. To download the course map, go to <https://grandmasmarathon.com/our-races/grandmas-marathon/>

Detour Routes

- Pedestrian Access Route Maps are located in kiosks located on each avenue
- Please use the following link to review vehicle detours: www.superiorstreet.org
- The MNDOT has started the Mesaba Ave resurfacing project on the upper portion above West 3rd Street. One lane in each direction is open but is adding to complexity of people accessing downtown. Please use the following weblink for the detour guide in order to arrive at your destination. The 2nd Ave West exit off Mesaba Ave southbound is also a suggested route into downtown. <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d1/projects/hwy194-mesaba-duluth/index.html>

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 W. First Street4th Avenue Auto Park—402 W. Michigan StreetDuluth Transportation Center—228 W. Michigan StreetUS Bank Ramp—115 W. Michigan Street

Love Downtown Duluth - Love Notes

- Please remind patrons, family and friends to support businesses in the affected construction zone throughout construction season.
- The Clean and Safe Team (in bright yellow shirts) are helpful construction navigators so look for them in the skywalk or on the sidewalks. They are a great resource! Remember to support our local businesses downtown.
- Bricks! Individual bricks are for sale through the City of Duluth as commemorative items for \$15 each. Purchases can be made with cash/check in Room 107 of City Hall, 411 West First St. during regular business hours. Larger quantity of bricks are not available at this time.
- The "Love Downtown Duluth" marketing campaign is ramping up. Television spots are currently airing while radio and print will be starting soon. This campaign also reminds individuals where they can get the latest info on Superior Street Reconstruction. In addition, social media posts are frequent between the GDC and City of Duluth.

Weekly Construction Meetings

- All are welcome at the weekly construction update meeting every Tuesday at 10:00am at the Radisson Hotel in the Mesabi Room.





information kiosk



old cast iron vs. new HDPE water pipe



digging deep to set the watermain



testing the permanent watermain