

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE City of Duluth - Superior Street Reconstruction - Weekly Newsletter



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Wrap-up of This Week

-Concrete was poured on a portion of the retaining wall next to the Gateway Building.

-Permanent water connections were ongoing

-Removal of 100-year-old steam heating system started this week. The removal of the existing District Steam Heating System involves accessing thick concrete casings and mitigation and removal of the existing steam pipes wrapped in asbestos that have been serving Downtown Duluth for over 100 years. The removal of these pipes are performed by a licensed asbestos abatement contractor and environmental monitoring to ensure worker and public safety. The Minnesota Department of Health has been on site to review the process.

-Work continued on the 5th Ave W intersection utilities and abandoned tunnel underneath the road.

What to Expect June 4-9

-Access to all businesses and residences remain open.

-Concrete work to continue for the retaining wall next to the Gateway Building

- -Continued removal of steam heating system
- -Continued work on 5th Ave W intersection with the goal of a June 29 completion.

Grandma's Marathon

-On Tuesday, May 29, representatives from Grandma's Marathon joined the weekly construction meeting for an update to their course route for their races in 2018-2020. 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.

Weekly Meeting

-All are welcome at the weekly construction meetings every Tuesday at 10:00 am at the Radisson Hotel in the Missabe Room.

Live Feed

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

Detour Routes

-Pedestrian Access Route Maps are located in kiosks on each avenue

-Skywalks provide easy access to local businesses. View the map at, <u>http://superiorstreet.org/parking-skywalk/</u> -Please use the following link to review vehicle detours <u>www.superiorstreet.org</u>

Parking Ramps

-Many ramps are offering free parking if you enter and leave within 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.

-Watch for new tv and radio ads that

-Reminder: Sidewalks Days held on Superior Street are coming up July 11-13 and all of the fun will be concentrated between Lake Ave to W. 3rd Ave this year. <u>https://downtownduluth.com/events/sidewalk-days-festival.php</u>







Excavation on 5th Ave West



Concrete poured into an old vault in front of the library





unearthed concrete casing for steam lines

Greg Haappala with Grandma's Marathon speaking about reroute for racers