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City of Duluth - Superior Street Reconstruction - Weekly Newsletter



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Wrap-up of This Week

- Hot water pipes were installed in the 4th Avenue W. intersection and toward 3rd Avenue W. on Superior Street.
- The Northland Building vault was waterproofed and filled with a concrete mix.
- Crews worked to back fill between 4th Avenue W. and 5th Avenue W. to prepare for concrete work in the coming weeks.
- Preparation for utility work below 6th Avenue W. was completed.
- Electrical light bases were installed in several locations on the project.

What to Expect August 13-17

- Access to businesses and residences remain open.
- Hot water lines will be installed from the 4th Avenue intersection to the north on 4th Avenue W. and to the east on Superior Street toward 3rd Avenue W.
- Work will continue along 4th Avenue W. to complete electrical duct work and hot water pipe installation. The alleys will remain accessible from 5th Ave West and 3rd Avenue West, but through traffic onto 4th Avenue W. will not be allowed.
- Storm drain and water main to be installed headed West from 6th Avenue W.
- The Northland Building vault filling will be completed, and a temporary sidewalk will be installed.
- Installation will begin on curb and cutter between 4th Avenue W. and 5th Avenue W.
- Hot water connections into a number of buildings throughout the project have been made.

Detour Routes

- Pedestrian Access Route Maps are located in kiosks on each avenue - a new walkway was created this week crossing from maurices to Pizza Man, E'Clips on the Lake Salon and Psi Testing Center.
- Please use the following link to review vehicle detours www.superiorstreet.org

Mesaba Ave to I 35 Project Update (Minnesota Department of Transportation)

- Work continues with the Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation on Mesaba Avenue between West 3rd Street and Central Entrance. Next weekend starting at 7:00 pm on Friday, August 17th, thru 5:00 am Monday the 20th, the majority of the intersection of Central Entrance, Mesaba Ave, 6th Ave, and Rice Lake road will be closed. Limited traffic movements will be allowed. Signed detour routes will be in-place. The following weekend, a similar closure will occur to complete the remaining work in the intersection.

- Closing the intersection and allowing the Contractor to work around the clock over the two weekends will minimize the impact to traffic as compared to the work being performed with typical lane closures. This will also make the work zone safer for the construction workers as well as motorists.
- The required CPR work below 3rd street will also be occurring in the near future. Traffic will be in single lanes up and down, so motorists should expect delays.
- ADA sidewalk / pedestrian crossing work continues at many locations along Mesaba Avenue and the intersection at Central Entrance.
- The bridge rehabilitation work continues on the bridge (West Superior Street) over the ramp to SB TH 35. The work includes structural steel repairs, the removal and replacement of the concrete bridge deck and repainting the steel beams. The concrete deck has been removed and the forming of the new deck is near completion. Next week the placement of the deck reinforcement bars will begin. The concrete for the bridge deck is scheduled to be placed in late August. The bridge is scheduled to be opened to traffic by September 28th.
- The overall project completion date is October 19th.

Weekly Meeting

- All are welcome at the weekly construction update meeting 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/>

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 Street 4th Avenue Auto Park—402 W. Michigan Street Duluth Transportation Center—228 W. Michigan Street US 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.
- See it, hear it, feel it. The “Love downtown Duluth” TV and radio ads are up and running!
- Historic walking tour information highlighting Superior Street organized by the City and Duluth Experience have been very popular. There is only 1 spot available for the August 14, 4:30 pm tour. Register at <https://www.theduluthexperience.com/superior-street-reconstruction-project/> The team does a great job! More tours are scheduled for phase 2 and 3 construction.





Storm water pipe installation



pouring concrete into the vault at Northland Building



hot water pipes waiting to be installed



Crew installing hot water pipes