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**City of Duluth - Superior Street
Reconstruction - Weekly
Newsletter**

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SUBJECT: Superior Street Construction Update: Word on the Street (May 13, 2020)

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Superior Street Construction Update: Word on the Street (May 13, 2020)

Wrap-up of This Week

- Carpentry crews worked on vaults throughout the project.
- Excavation continued for the watermain trench between Lake – 1st Avenue West.
- Electricians removed streetlights and signals.
- Pipefitters began installing hot water lines at 1st Avenue West.
- Contaminated soils were tested and removed between 1st Avenue West and 2nd Avenue West with further monitoring to continue throughout the project zone.
- Sidewalks were poured at southwest corner of 3rd Avenue East and Superior Street.
- The 100 Year Steam Heating System removals continued.
- Crews prepared to pour concrete on the northeast corner of 3rd Avenue East and Superior Street.
- The railing for the retaining wall between 1st Avenue East and 2nd Avenue East was installed.

What to Expect May 13-20

- Access to businesses and residences will remain open.
- Bricks and pavement will continue to be removed throughout the project zone
- Structural work on vaults will continue.
- Storm sewer and water main work will continue.
- Permanent water installation will begin between Lake Ave and 1st Avenue West.
- Hot water installation will continue at 1st Avenue West.
- Concrete will be poured in the northeast corner of 3rd Avenue East.
- Crews will prepare to pour sidewalks on the northeast corner of 3rd Avenue East.
- Removal of the 100-year steam heating system began and will be taken out from Lake Avenue toward 3rd Avenue West. The removal of the existing District Steam Heating System, within the limits of this year's 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 worksite to inform the public that asbestos abatement is occurring and delineating the work zone. Public cooperation is requested to stay within the designated pedestrian areas and out of the delineated work zone. Access to all businesses will be maintained while this work is performed.

Lake Avenue Update

- This week, MnDOT's contractor PCI will be working pouring expansion joints, continuing removal of ADA sidewalks and medians, and prepping for an overlay, which will begin Tuesday, May 19.
- Please visit MnDOT's website for up to date information and maps: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d1/projects/lake-avenue/>
- o For questions on the bridge, contact Margie Nelson, MnDOT Public Affairs Coordinator District 1,
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Weekly Meeting

- Weekly construction meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 10:00 am. To accommodate public meetings, community members may use the following conference line until group gathering restrictions have been lifted.
- o +1 651-964-6935 United States, St. Paul (Toll) Conference ID: 289 046 099#

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:
- o Civic Center Ramp—410 West First Street
- o Tech Village Ramp—10 East First Street
- o Duluth Transportation Center—228 West Michigan Street
- o 4th Avenue Auto Park—402 West Michigan Street
- o Hart District Ramp—125 East Superior Street
- o Medical District Ramp—302 East First Street