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**SUBJECT: Superior Street Reconstruction Update: Word on the Street (July 8, 2020)**

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**Superior Street Reconstruction Update: Word on the Street (July 8, 2020)**

**Wrap-up of Last Week**

- Crews continued grading, forming and pouring sidewalk and roadway at Lake Avenue.
- Carpentry crews worked on the east plaza at Lake Avenue.
- Pipefitters continued installing the hot water lines in 1st Avenue West.
- Workers made connections from the old storm sewer system to the new storm sewer system in 1st Avenue West.
- Electrical duct banks were built from Lake to 1st Avenue West.
- Crews removed bricks, paving and ledge rock to prepare for the steam removal.
- Removal of the of 100 year steam heating system restarted from 2nd to 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 work site to inform the public that asbestos abatement is occurring and to delineate 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.

**What to Expect July 8 - 14**

- Access to businesses and residences will remain open.
- Bricks, pavement and ledge rock will continue to be removed throughout the project zone.
- Crews will pour roadway and sidewalk on the upper side of Lake Avenue as well as bridge approach panel on the south side.
- Structural work on vaults will continue.
- Permanent water and storm sewer tie-ins will begin between from 1st Avenue West and 2nd Avenue West.
- Hot water installation will continue from in 1st Avenue West.
- Storm structure work will continue in 1st Avenue West.
- Beginning Friday, July 10 through the weekend, Michigan Street at 2nd Avenue West will be closed for critical utility tie-in work.
- Beginning Monday, July 13, the alley at 2nd Avenue West between Superior Street and 1st Street will be closed to perform utility upgrades.

**Lake Avenue Update**

- For questions on the Lake Avenue Bridge project please contact Margie Nelson, MnDOT Public Affairs Coordinator District 1, O: 218-725-2708, [Margaret.nelson@state.mn.us](mailto:Margaret.nelson@state.mn.us)

**Weekly Meeting**

- Weekly construction meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 10:00am. To accommodate public meetings, community

members may use the following conference line until group gathering restrictions have been lifted. [+1 651-964-6935](tel:+16519646935)

United States, St. Paul (Toll) Conference ID: 289 046 099#

### **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 West First StreetTech Village Ramp—10 East First StreetDuluth Transportation Center—228 West Michigan Street4th Avenue Auto Park—402 West Michigan StreetHart District Ramp—125 East Superior StreetMedical District Ramp—302 East First Street