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[Duluth, MN] – The City of Duluth has been working on several utility and road improvement projects. The status and progress of each project is listed below:

West Michigan Street Utility Upgrades downtown: The first phase of the Michigan Street utility upgrade project will be completed next week. The street will remain closed however through the 4th of July weekend while new concrete is curing. There will also be 5 concrete panels between 3rd Avenue West and 5th Avenue West that will need to be replaced in the near future.

A future public notice will provide details about the second phase which is scheduled to start Michigan Street on July 17th.

4th Street Reconstruction update from St. Louis County: On June 22nd and 23rd, 4th Street will be closed to through traffic between Woodland Avenue and 23rd Avenue East so crews can grind the existing pavement into gravel. Beginning late next week, work will begin on the water main and gas main between 21st Avenue East and 23rd Avenue East. At that time, 4th Street will be closed between 21st Avenue East and 23rd Avenue East for several weeks. The 21st Avenue intersection will remain open at all times until August.

4th Street, between 10th Avenue East and 14th Avenue East, is anticipated to be open to traffic towards the end of next week.

4th Street Gas Main Improvements between Wallace Ave and Hawthorne Road: This stretch of 4th Street continues to be closed to east bound traffic. Contractors are facing dangerous encounters with motorists who have been driving into or very close to the work zone. The City requests all motorists to stay clear of the work zone for safety reasons. The Contractor will be crossing 4th Street starting Friday, June 23rd which will require total closure of the road for about three days.

48th Ave East, Lakeside: The gas main is fully installed however the City crews have identified some additional damaged pipe under the Lakewalk Trail so they continue to have that area closed for repairs. The Lake Walk should be open again with a gravel surface by tomorrow, June 22. Repaving of the Lake Walk in this work zone will occur after the 4th of July holiday.

24th Ave West, Lincoln Park: The street patching project along 24th Ave West between West 5th and 6th Street is progressing and should finish next week June 28, weather dependent. Weather and wet ground conditions did not allow for concrete pouring last week. Once poured, the concrete will need a couple of days to cure before the road reopens to traffic.

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