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SUBJECT: City crews locate two water main breaks in Duluth

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[Duluth, MN] This morning Operations Utility crews located a water main break located at 4915 Colorado Street. Water has been shut off on Colorado Street between 49th and 51st Avenue East. Teams are on-site and will begin repairing the break as soon as they can. It is unknown how long it will take for crews to access the water main and fix it.

Crews were also made aware of a second break located at 2710 Piedmont Avenue. Water has been turned off is at Piedmont Avenue between Chambersburg Avenue and Ensign Street. For crews to work on the break, traffic in the northbound lane of Piedmont between Chambersburg Avenue and Naticoke Street will be closed until approximately 4:00 p.m.

The City will send a separate release once the breaks have been fixed and water has been restored.

“Most of our water infrastructure is more than fifty years old,” Utility Operations Supervisor Chris Kleist said. “As pipes age they become more brittle and temperature fluctuations cause the ground to freeze and thaw. This freeze/thaw cycle causes the ground to shift a little bit, and those movements cause most of our water main breaks. Utility Operations crews work around the clock in any weather to restore water service to Duluth residents. We would like to thank the public for their understanding while work is being done.”

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