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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Construction Update: 45<sup>th</sup> St. between Calumet Ave. and Southwood Dr.**

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As part of the overall construction of the 45th Street underpass project, Walsh Construction will be closing 45th Street, between Calumet Avenue and Southwood Drive, on Monday, June 3rd. This will also include closing Southwood Drive, at its intersection with 45th Street. Southwood Drive will be reopened prior to traffic prior to the first day of school in early August 2019.

During these closures, all the existing pavement and infrastructure on 45th Street will be removed so construction of the temporary railroad tracks (railroad shoofly) can begin. Once the railroad shoofly is constructed, Canadian National trains currently using the existing tracks will be moved onto the railroad shoofly so the actual 45th Street underpass can be constructed.

There will also be periodic work in the coming months on Calumet Avenue between 45th Street east and Superior Avenue. Construction crews will be relocating various conflicting utilities, as well as installing storm sewer along Calumet Avenue and 45th Street west. These periodic closures are being done in advance of the major reconstruction of Calumet Avenue planned to begin in April 2020.

The Town will do everything possible to try and give residents and other motorists at least a 48-hour notice of any contractor-confirmed lane restriction on Calumet. We will do this through Facebook and website updates, as well as through the placement of our electronic message boards and Nixle alerts.

Work on the entirety of the project, including the underpass and improvements to Calumet Avenue, are expected to be complete by December 2020.

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