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Blasting efforts intensify on Haines Road

St. Louis County engineers are alerting the public to expect an increase in blasting operations on Haines Road beginning next week and lasting through much of the rest of summer. Based on where the blasting is taking place and the intensity of the blasts, the sounds, which resemble thunder, may likely be heard and felt throughout the West Duluth area. Hikers and pedestrians should avoid the woods and construction area near Haines Road during this time.

The blasting, which is part of the \$11 million Haines Road reconstruction project, began this spring. Multiple blasting crews will be working on the area near Skyline Parkway over the next few weeks. Blasting will occur between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Crews will employ all required safety measures and notification requirements before, during and after each blasting sequence. Falcon Drilling and Blasting Company will be doing the blasting.

Haines Road, officially known as CSAH 91, sustained heavy damage from the heavy rains and resulting run-off during the June 2012s storm, forcing the closure of a 2.25 mile segment between 40th Avenue West to approximately 1,000 feet south of Mary Lane.

The rebuilding of Haines Road is the largest stand-alone project ever for St. Louis County Public Works. When the road re-opens, which is expected to happen in November, it will feature three lanes (two lanes for traffic going uphill, one lane coming down) and include a sidewalk. A right turn lane will be added at Morris Thomas Road. The curve at “horseshoe bend” will be designed for 25 mile-per-hour speeds (previously was for 20 mph) and will feature Dynamic Chevron signs that will flash in sequence as a warning if oncoming motorists are approaching too quickly. A large

underpass will be added where the Superior Hiking Trail crosses Haines Road, plus there will be a parking area with space for five vehicles.

Other new features include curb and gutter, plus infiltration basins on both sides of the road to control storm water drainage for future flood mitigation. Also, 2,400 feet of retaining walls will be added to reduce impacts in sensitive areas.

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