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Public meeting announced to discuss plans for Highland Street and 57th Ave West

The 2013 road construction season is just getting started, and St. Louis County Public Works engineers are already looking ahead to next year. One of the significant projects slated for 2014 is the reconstruction of County State Aid Highway 89, better known as Highland Street and 57th Avenue West in West Duluth.

To keep residents and commuters who use that route informed about what's being planned for the project, the County is hosting a public meeting on Wednesday, April 17, at 7 p.m. at the Clyde Iron Event Center, 2920 West Michigan Street, Duluth. Free coffee and cookies will be provided.

Beginning in spring 2014, the County will reconstruct the L-shaped CSAH 89, which consists of 57th Avenue West between Cody Street and Highland, then follows Highland Street to where it meets with Skyline Parkway. Major project components include a new bridge over Keene Creek to replace a culvert damaged in last year's flood, and a reconfiguration of the five-leg intersection where Highland, Vinland Street, Getchell Road and Skyline Parkway meet. New curbs and gutters, wider shoulders and sidewalks are also part of the plans. At the same time, the City of Duluth will replace the sanitary sewer lines and water mains. The project is expected to total approximately \$9 million and should be completed by fall of 2014.

The 1.5 mile stretch of road typically is traveled by 5,200 motorists each day. Since the flood and resulting closure of Haines Road, the daily traffic count on Highland has increased to 8,000.

"This is a regionally significant project, and I'm excited by the investment in this busy road," said Commissioner Chris Dahlberg, whose district includes Highland and 57th. "I encourage

everyone who travels in this area to come and listen to what's being planned and share feedback as we finalize project details.”

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