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Portion of North Shore Drive to close Thursday for storm damage repairs

Construction begins Thursday, August 15, to repair 13 flood-damaged areas along a six-mile stretch of North Shore Drive (CSAH 61). The project, which should be complete by October 18, will include replacing damaged culverts and guard rails, and repairing areas where significant slides occurred during last year's flood. Northland Constructors of Duluth is the contractor on this \$1.4 million project.

Due to the extensive work that must be done, the road will be closed and traffic detoured around the construction zone. Approximately 2,000 vehicles travel North Shore Drive daily. To minimize the inconvenience to residents and businesses in the area, the project will be done in four phases. Beginning Thursday and lasting approximately three weeks, North Shore Drive will be closed between the two places it's crossed by Stoney Point Drive. Signs will be posted detouring traffic around the work area and directing them to access local businesses using Stoney Point Drive.

Three additional segments of North Shore Drive will be closed at later dates as work progresses southwest toward Ryan Road. The contractor is required to re-open the road with a blacktop surface for two significant events that depend on use of the road – the Superior Man Triathlon on August 25 and the North Shore Inline Marathon on September 25. In both instances, the road closure will go back into effect on the Monday following the event.

Motorists are urged to use caution and be patient and alert whenever traveling near or through work zones. To sign up for e-mail alerts about this or any St. Louis County Public Works project, visit stlouiscountymn.gov/construction.

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