

News Release

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Detours on Highway 59 south of Detroit Lakes begin this week

DETROIT LAKES, Minn. – Beginning today, motorists on Highway 59 south of Detroit Lakes will encounter detours, as crews begin a resurfacing project from Willow Street in Detroit Lakes to just south of the Otter Tail County line.

The original schedule has been revised, and Detour A and B will both begin this week. Highway 59 will be closed from County Road 6 to County Road 17, just past Seven Sisters Spirits. Traffic will be detoured to County Road 6, County Road 22 and County Road 17. The detours will remain in place until early September.

Along with the detours, motorists will encounter daily lane closures on Highway 59 on the south and north ends of the project. Prior to Labor Day, crews will be working under traffic on the stretch of highway south of the Otter Tail County line up to County Road 17 (Stage 1). After Labor Day, they will move to the north end of the project between County Road 6 and Willow Street (Stage 4).

A pilot car and flaggers will control traffic in the areas where crews are working. Motorists are urged to slow down in work zones and never enter a roadway that has been blocked with barriers or cones.

Businesses, residents and motorists can view the detour map and keep up to date with the schedule on the project website mndot.gov/d4/projects/hwy59dl/.

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