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## NEWS

## Traffic on U.S. Highway 53 diverted to repair water main break

SUPERIOR, Wis. – Traffic on a section of U.S. Highway 53 in Superior will be reduced to two lanes and closed to large trucks beginning late Tuesday afternoon because of a water main break under the road.

The northbound lanes of Highway 53 (East Second Street) between 18th Avenue East and Ninth Avenue East in Superior will be closed until about noon Thursday, May 10, depending on the weather, until repairs to the water main are complete. Traffic will be diverted to the two southbound lanes with one lane for northbound traffic and the second lane for southbound traffic.

Oversized loads and other large truck traffic will be detoured off Highway 53 and drivers should follow the detour signs on 23rd Avenue East and East Fifth Street to get back on the truck route at 18th Avenue East.

Superior Water, Light & Power crews are working to complete the repairs as quickly and safely as possible. Four SWL&P customers are affected by the break.

Superior Water, Light and Power provides electricity, water and natural gas in the city of Superior and adjacent areas in northwestern Wisconsin. The company has served the area since 1889 and provides services to approximately 14,000 electric customers, 12,000 natural gas customers and 10,000 water customers. More information can be found at www.swlp.com.

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