



STAFF REPORT UTILITIES COMMISSION

Agenda Date: 5/6/2026
Agenda Section: Information Only

Department Origination: Public Works

Agenda Item: 2028 Elder Drive & Foley Road Intersection Improvements Project Monthly Update

Approval Required: No Action Required

BACKGROUND

SEH was awarded a contract at the March 17th Council Meeting for survey services, and a contract for design phase services at the April 21st Council meeting for the Elder Drive & Foley Road Intersection Improvements Project.

4/29/2025 Update Scott Hedlund

Work Completed:

- Site topography for the project area has been collected.
- A Kickoff meeting was held with City Staff on April 22, 2026.
- A design coordination meeting with MnDOT and their consultants has been scheduled for May 14, 2026.

Upcoming Work

- Design phase services, including layout updates, utility coordination, right of way acquisition services, and plan production.
- An updated layout is planned to be reviewed with the Utilities Commission in June.

General Project Background for Reference:

As outlined in the January 14, 2026 memorandum to the City Council, staff has identified multiple projects that the City will need to undertake as a direct result of MnDOT's proposed conversion of the Trunk Highway 210 and Highway 371 intersection into a grade-separated overpass to be constructed in 2028 and 2029. The realignment of Elder Drive at the Foley Road intersection is one of the City projects. It is a direct result of the need to close the Elder Drive at-grade railroad crossing in conjunction with the overpass project. It is anticipated that these roadway and utility improvements would be bid and constructed as a separate City project with contract provisions requiring close coordination with MnDOT's project, and with construction starting shortly after the permanent closure of the Elder Drive at-grade railroad crossing in 2028.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED