



## STAFF REPORT UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

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**Department Origination:** Public Works

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**Agenda Item:** 2027 Foley Road and Isle Drive/Forthun Road Intersection Improvements Project  
Monthly Update

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**Approval Required:** No Action Required

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### **BACKGROUND**

SEH was awarded a contract at the March 17<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting for survey services, and for design phase services at the April 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting for the Foley Road and Isle Drive/Forthun 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, preparation of a feasibility report, and plan production.
- Design coordination meetings with MnDOT and their consultants and the City/SEH focused on this project are expected to begin in earnest once the layout becomes more finalized.
- The 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. One of these City projects includes improvements to the Foley Road and Forthun Road/Isle Drive intersection consisting of the construction of turn lanes on Foley Road and a median on Forthun Road/Isle Drive as a result of the overpass project relocating the at-grade railroad crossing from Elder Drive to Forthun Road/Isle Drive. It is anticipated that this project would need to be constructed by the City in 2027 prior to MnDOT starting the overpass construction in 2028.

Staff has also identified a 900 foot segment of Forthun Road/Isle Drive pavement between Foley Road and the Forthun Road/ Isle Drive mini roundabout as needing resurfacing. Combining these areas into one project would be cost effective and lessen future inconveniences.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED**