



ITEM REPORT UTILITY COMMISSION

Agenda Date: 3/4/2026
Agenda Section: Business Item

Department Origination: Public Works

Agenda Item: Approve the SEH Topographic Survey Services Contract in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$14,900.00 for the Elder Drive and Foley Road Intersection Improvements Project

Approval Required: Simple Majority Vote

BACKGROUND

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 per the attached Figure 2. 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 with MnDOT's project, with this phase of the overall project starting immediately after the permanent closure of the Elder Drive railroad crossing. Based on discussions to date with MnDOT, the City would prepare Elder Drive and Foley Road Intersection Improvements specific plan sheets and technical specification sections that would get inserted into MnDOT's overall overpass contract documents.

Attached is a SEH contract in the not to exceed amount of \$14,900.00 to perform topographic survey services for the Elder Drive and Foley Road Intersection Improvements project. Preparation of a project information and survey work notification letter to adjacent property owners and facilitation of an early private utility coordination meeting are included in the scope.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The January 14, 2026 memorandum to the City Council identifies a total project cost of \$710,000 for the Elder Drive and Foley Road Intersection Improvements project shown in the attached Figure 2. It also identified multiple potential funding sources including State Aid street funds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Doing the topographic survey now is necessary to keep the project on schedule for planned inclusion with MnDOT's overall overpass plan set. MnDOT has requested the City's design plans be submitted in August 2026.

City Staff recommends approving the SEH Topographic Survey Services Contract in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$14,900.00 for the Elder Drive and Foley Road Intersection Improvements project.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

MOTION to approve the SEH Topographic Survey Services Contract in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$14,900.00 for the Elder Drive and Foley Road Intersection Improvements Project.