



ITEM REPORT UTILITY COMMISSION

Agenda Date: 4/8/2026
Agenda Section: Business Item

Department Origination: Public Works

Agenda Item: Approve the SEH Design Phase Services Contract in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$100,000.00 for the Foley Road and Forthun Road/Isle Drive 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. 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 per the attached Figure 1. 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 feet 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.

Attached is a SEH contract in the not to exceed amount of \$100,000.00 to perform design phase services for the Foley Road and Forthun Road/Isle Drive Intersection Improvements project. Finalization of the Project Layout and Typical Sections, Feasibility Report, Neighborhood Meeting, Improvement Hearing, MnDOT and Railroad Coordination, Soils Investigation, Final Design, Bidding, and Assessment Hearing Services are included in the scope.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The January 14, 2026 memorandum to the City Council identifies a total project cost of \$1,160,000 for the Foley Road and Forthun Road/Isle Drive Intersection Improvements project as reflected in the attached Figure 1. It also identifies multiple potential funding sources including State Aid street funds.

It is assumed special assessments would be levied for resurfacing the 900 feet segment of Forthun Road/Isle Drive south from Foley Road.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The topographic survey work was authorized by the City Council in March. Continuing with the remainder of the design phase now is necessary to keep the project on schedule for construction in 2027. There is significant coordination with MnDOT that needs to occur that requires getting the intersection design to 60% by August 2026. The feasibility report and special assessment elements of the project that are driven by the resurfacing of Forthun Road/Isle Drive are anticipated to be developed concurrently with the overall project design process.

City Staff recommends approving the SEH Design Phase Services Contract in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$100,000.00 for the Foley Road and Forthun Road/Isle Drive Intersection Improvements project.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

MOTION to approve the SEH Design Phase Services Contract in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$100,000.00 for the Foley Road and Forthun Road/Isle Drive Intersection Improvements Project.