



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 \$60,000.00 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 as depicted in the attached Figure 2 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.

Attached is a SEH contract in the not to exceed amount of \$60,000.00 to perform design phase services for the Elder Drive and Foley Road Intersection Improvements project. Finalization of the Project Layout and Typical Sections, Neighborhood Meeting, MnDOT and Railroad Coordination, Soils Investigation, Final Design, Bidding, and Right of Way Acquisition Support Services 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. No special assessments are planned for the project.

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 due to the significant overall "multiple City projects" coordination with MnDOT that needs to occur that includes getting the intersection design to 60% by August 2026 for a MnDOT courtesy and coordination review.

City Staff recommends approving the SEH Design Phase Services Contract in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$60,000.00 for the Elder Drive and Foley Road Intersection Improvements project.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

MOTION to approve the SEH Design Phase Services Contract in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$60,000.00 for the Elder Drive and Foley Road Intersection Improvements project.