



STAFF REPORT UTILITIES COMMISSION

Agenda Date: 8/5/2026
Agenda Section: Information Only

Department Origination: Public Works

Agenda Item: 2027 Foley Road and Isle Drive/Forthun 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 for design phase services at the April 21st Council meeting for the Foley Road and Isle Drive/Forthun Road Intersection Improvements Project.

6/29/2026 Update Scott Hedlund

Work Completed:

- SEH has been working toward finalizing the geometric layout and reviewing with City Staff.
- A design coordination meeting with MnDOT and their consultants was held on May 14, 2026.
 - The latest version of the layout was reviewed.
- SEH submitted a revised layout to MnDOT and their interchange consultant team for review and comment on June 3, 2026, and we are awaiting a response.
- SEH presented a preliminary layout to the Utilities Commission on June 3rd.
- Traffic study is ongoing, awaiting additional forecast information from MnDOT.
- Coordination with the MnDOT DSAE staff including SAP number setup and traffic study scope inquiry.
- Coordination and execution of Braun Intertec field soil boring work.
- A private utility design coordination meeting was held June 30, 2026.
- A site Diagnostic Meeting was held on Monday July 20th to review rail crossings for MnDOT's project, including discussion regarding the Future "Isle Drive" crossing.
- Preliminary plan sheets were assembled for the project, and shared with MnDOT Staff for additional review and discussion related to the rail crossing layout, bungalow location, driveway for the bungalow, and for drainage and grading work associated with new rail crossing and the work along Foley Road at the intersection of Forthun Drive (future Isle Drive).

Upcoming Work

- Design phase services, including finalizing the layout and traffic study, utility coordination, geotechnical office work, 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 continue as the layout and design are developed.
- The goal is to bring a draft feasibility study to the September UC and CC meetings and then hold a Neighborhood Informational Meeting in late September/October.

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 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.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED